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# DEBATE ON THE BUDGET IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Russians taking over Shanghai Country Club

The Hammer and Sickle is likely to fly over the British Country Club in Shanghai in the course of the next few days, according to a report received in Hong Kong yesterday.

It said the building, which has been inspected and measured by the Russians, will be turned into housing quarters for Russian officials or advisers who are reported to have arrived in Shanghai recently.

The Country Club—one of the oldest and most exclusive clubs in China—is only one of many buildings that have been taken over by the Soviet Russians in Shanghai.—Reuter.

## Anglo-U.S. dispute over oil

Washington, March 22.

The State Department has suggested that American oil companies agree to accept about 70 per cent payment in sterling when they sell their oil in the British area.

Informed officials said this plan was proposed by all company executives as the basis of a "compromise" proposal to settle their long-standing argument with Britain.

Most major oil companies are understood to oppose the State Department plan.

They feel Britain should be asked to pay about 60 per cent in dollars and only 40 per cent in sterling.

The American companies claim 60 per cent represents more accurately the cost in dollars in producing oil they sell in Britain and the sterling area. They are unwilling to accept pounds sterling for the remainder with the understanding they will be permitted to spend it gradually in the sterling area.

Under the State Department plan, Britain would have to remove its present ban on sale of American fuel oil in Britain and its one-third cut in American oil imports.

In addition, Britain would have to promise to permit American oil companies to compete in so-called "third countries" which now buy only British-produced oil. This would include opening up the market in Argentina, Sweden and Denmark and would afford an opportunity to get a share of a market totalling 3,000,000 tons a year.

American oil companies have complained to the State Department that the British oil restrictions at home and in "third countries" mean a loss of US\$125,000,000 a year in their business operations.—Associated Press.

## Taipei denies counterfeiter's accusation

Taipei, March 22.

The Finance Minister today described as a fantastic fabrication the charge made by a counterfeiter at Manila that he had manufactured bogus United States \$50 bills at the request of an agent of the Nationalist Government.

The Minister, Dr. C. K. Yen, said there was no basis whatever for this accusation, which he said was all nonsense.

The charge was credited by Manila police to Antipaz Pineda, 40, under arrest with four others for counterfeiting a large number of United States dollar bills.—Associated Press.

## The Weather

At 0600 GMT (5 p.m. HKT) the moderate anti-cyclonic disturbance over the Sea of Japan with a ridge of high pressure extending SEwards over Japan and the Pacific to the SE. A trough of low pressure is forming along the China coast from the Yangtze mouth to the S of Hong Kong.

Today's Forecast: Moderate, fresh locally E winds, cloudy with occasional rain, early in the morning.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 24.0 deg. F. Minimum: 16.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.0 hrs.

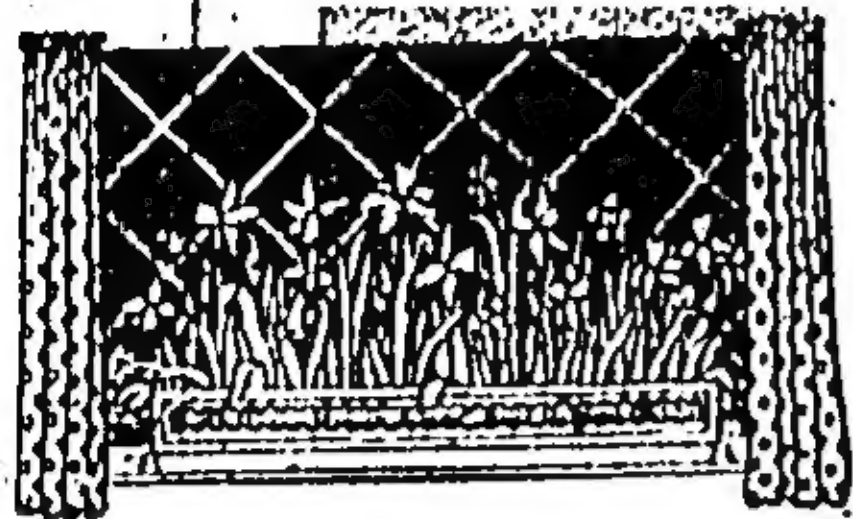
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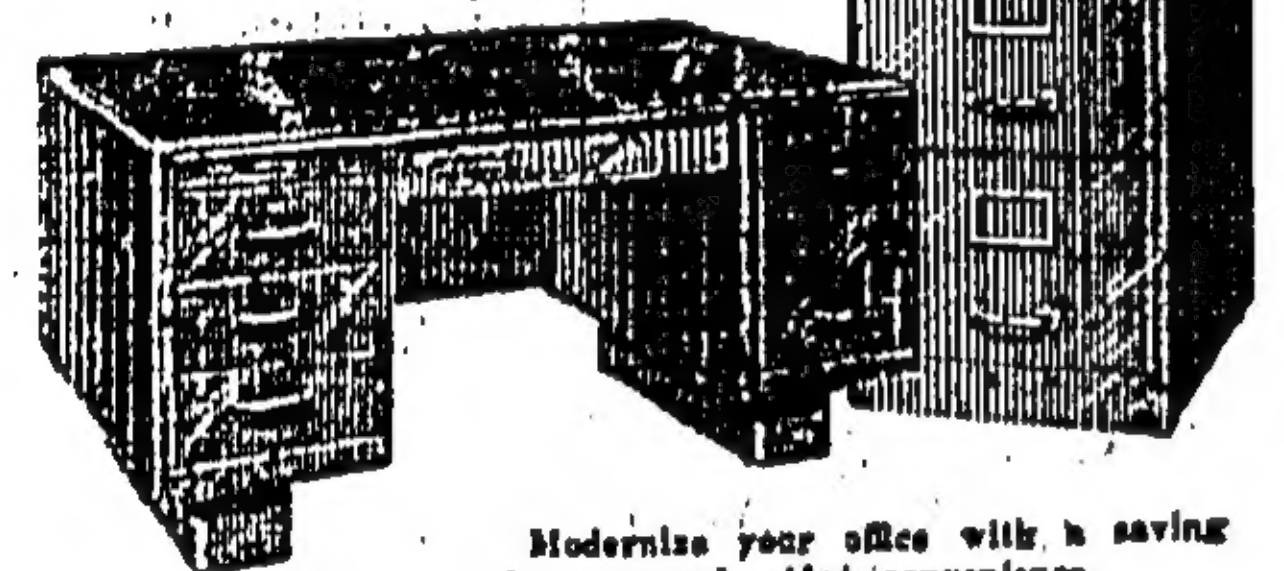
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## PAL seeks subsidy from PI Gov't

Manila, March 22.

Negotiations between the Philippines Airlines and the Government for a subsidy similar to that given by the United States and other governments to international and domestic plane operations, are expected to come to a head within a few days.

The Philippines Airlines operates from London via Madrid to Manila, and thence via Honolulu to San Francisco as an international carrier. It also operates an inter-island service, which links all of the larger cities from Northern Luzon to Sulu.

## "Indoctrinated" airmen see the light

One of the many China National Aviation Corporation employees who have recently returned from "indoctrination" classes in China said that the purchasing of Communist War Bonds in China had caused many of these employees to dislike life in China.

Refusing to give other reasons why he and other fellow employees of the aviation company returned here, the returned employee merely said that they now have a clear picture of life in China.

Due to this reason many returned employees have resigned from the aviation company after their return. Others who have no idea of resigning, remained with the company and are assigned to different posts within the company.

### Yap returns

Among the recently returned CNAC employees is Mr. Regino Yap, formerly official spokesman for both CNAC and CATC.

Mr. Yap who was said to have been "indoctrinated" in Tientsin returned here about a week ago. On Tuesday he reported back to the CNAC office in Peninsula Hotel.

As quite a lot of CNAC employees have returned from their "indoctrination" classes in China, the CNAC workshops in Tai Tok airport have once again become active.

Every day grounded aircraft are being overhauled, polished and removed to different parking lots. However, so far none of these aircraft has been tested in the air.

## COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING IN JAPAN

Tokyo, March 22. Commercial radio broadcasting may become a reality in Japan by August this year, according to the Minister for Telecommunications.

The Minister revealed at a press conference yesterday that more than 50 organizations have made requests for the operation of commercial radio stations. These applications will be accepted for formal consideration starting May 1 if the Broadcasting Bill now before the Diet is passed. At present broadcasting in Japan is a monopoly of the Government, but the Bill is designed to change this system. —Reuter.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN PI

Manila, March 22. A series of earthquake shocks ranging from feeble to fairly strong, stretched across Mindanao Island in the Southern Philippines last night, the Manila Weather Bureau was informed today. There were no immediate reports of damage.

The first quake was recorded at Surigao on the North East tip of the island at 5:30 p.m. local time, yesterday. Intermittent shocks were felt until 9:05 p.m. local time, when the heaviest tremor occurred. It was of intensity six, which is rated as very strong, strong enough to awaken sleeping persons, ring bells and swing chandeliers.

Lighter shocks were felt for almost six hours longer at Cotabato on South Western Mindanao. —Associated Press.

## GREEK SHIP STILL AGROUND

Manila, March 22. Agents for the Greek freighter Kehra, grounded on a reef in the Gulf of Leyte since Sunday, said today that a Manila salvage firm has dispatched equipment to assist in refloating the vessel. Tugs and lighters, the agents said, are due to reach the former Liberty ship some time tomorrow. When freed from the reef, she will be surveyed to determine the extent of damage. The Kehra was carrying no cargo. —Associated Press.

## TAIWAN POLICY ON JAP. MERCHANTS

Taipei, March 22. The Ministry of Economic Affairs today announced that Japanese merchants allowed into Taiwan. Their only requirement would be a visa but this would not be difficult to get.

Since its beginnings, shortly after World War II, Philippines Airlines has operated without a government subsidy of any kind, company officials said.

"It carries mail within the islands and foreign airmail without extra pay, much as is given by other governments to its international competitors. In addition, PAL has operated many airports, weather and communications facilities within the islands at its own expense, officials of the firm said.

**Hit by devaluation**  
Until the devaluation of the peso, starting last September, PAL earned enough from international passenger revenue to support itself in its inter-island operations. Devaluation, cut about 40 per cent from passenger revenues on international lines.

The Philippines Government holds 58 per cent of the company stock and the remainder is privately owned. Largest block of the privately owned stock is believed in the hands of Col. Andres Soriano, president of the line, but no figures have ever been made public.

Sources said the negotiations for a Government subsidy have been proceeding on an even keel. Need for a subsidy has been recognized, but points of difference which are still being negotiated revolve about the manner of payment. The airline would like an arrangement which relieves it from certain taxes and fees, as well as turning over operations of communications and weather service to the government.

In addition, it is asking subsidies based on miles flown within the islands and on international routes. —Associated Press.

## Rediffusion celebrates anniversary

Rediffusion (Hong Kong) Limited celebrated its first anniversary of service to the Colony last night with nearly 20,000 listening sets having been installed, and with listeners estimated at 270,000.

Mr. E. L. Ellis, General Manager in Hong Kong, in the course of his speech, recalled to the 500 guests present that although Hong Kong has the first Rediffusion operation in the Far East, it has plenty of research and experience behind it.

He gave credit to every member of the staff, and said that it was only by their diligent and conscientious work that such an achievement had been possible.

"Every effort is being made to give our subscribers the programmes they want most, and in this connection any suggestion from subscribers are always welcome," Mr. Ellis stated, adding that he hoped to double the number of listeners by the time the second birthday came.

Mr. Frank Harris, the Managing Director, is in Singapore at the moment, and unfortunately could not be present. The guests were treated to a film show "The Green Years" and card and mahjong games. A dance was later held, with music provided by Fred Abraham and his Libent Orchestra.

## HIGH POST FOR CHIANG'S SON

Taipei, March 22. Chinese quarters predict that Generalissimo's elder son, Chiang Ching-kuo, will get a high post in the Defence Ministry.

If so, he is expected to become Director of the Ministry of Political Training and Information Department. The Legislative Yuan decided today that none of its members may in future leave Taiwan for personal reasons.

## FLYING SAUCERS

New York, March 22. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt today invited two airline pilots, who claimed they saw a flying saucer over Arkansas on Monday night to appear on her television programme on Sunday.

The pilots plan to build a model of the strange craft they saw to display it on the programme. —United Press.

## Personalalia

Mr. Edward O'Connor, Regional Manager of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Motion Picture Corporation, left for Manila by Philippine Air Lines yesterday.

Mr. O'Connor who is on a business inspection tour of Far East, is expected to return here after four days.

Messrs. M. Renault, F. L. Gubriol and L. L. Pel were among those who left Hong Kong for Hainan by Air France yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Blois, and Messrs. Chang Truong-Luyen and La Binh-trien left the Colony for Saigon yesterday by CPA.

Arrivals from Rangoon and Bangkok yesterday by CPA included Mr. and Mrs. F. Blake, Mrs. E. F. Guzman, Mrs. E. O. Mendoza, Mrs. P. C. Mendoza, Messrs. D. B. Lindsay, W. H. May, and Major N. Wickliffe.

Mr. P. Talbot, American journalist, arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manila by CPA.

Mrs. Agnes Newton Keith, and Mrs. F. H. Keith, Mrs. and Mrs. W. N. Modglin, Mrs. A. C. Crosswell, Mrs. D. A. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hule, Mr. and Mrs. A. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. J. Farmer, Messrs. W. G. Lamb, R. A. Ellery, R. L. Costine and A. B. Wamanager.

Among those who left the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Morgan, Mrs. E. C. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gault, Mrs. K. Burnstead, Mr. J. Barrington, Mrs. A. N. Archer, Messrs. F. Folok, P. R. Wareing, J. Dillon and J. R. Fagan.

The Reverend Father N. Macintosh, Editor and Publisher of the Catholic weekly "Sunday Examiner", returned by air from Rome yesterday.

## New Barber Wilhelmsen Vessel arriving in HK

The Barber-Wilhelmsen Line's New York-Far East Service (for which Dodwell and Company, Limited, are Agents in Hong Kong) will institute a fortnightly service instead of the existing monthly service.

The first vessel on the run, in addition to the other ships already operating, is the mv. Fernstream expected here on April 2.

This ship, delivered from the builders in Lohsburg, Germany, 1949, is a single screw open shelter-decker of 8,300 tons deadweight capacity with an additional lower tween-deck in No. 2 hold, and a long forecastle extending over No. 1 hatch.

Throughout the shelter-deck, forecastle, as well as accommodation, it has forced draft ventilation, making the ship suitable for carrying cargo, which requires special stowage without risk of damage from sweat and lack of air circulation.

It has also two compartments with refrigerated space of 4,250 cubic feet each. These reefer chambers have not before been used for cargo requiring lower temperatures than 30 to 34 degrees Fahrenheit; the temperature may, however, be reduced to about 12 or 13 degrees, if necessary.

### Deeptank

A deeptank is fitted in the after part of No. 3 hold forward of the engine room holding 102 tons of oil and suitable for edible products. The tank is divided into two halves by a longitudinal bulkhead and fitted with heating coils. In addition, there are two wing tanks in the after hold with a capacity of 324 tons of water.

A strongroom is fitted in the shelter-deck on the starboard side of the engine room carrying with it a capacity of 5,370 cubic feet. The ship has 10 three-ton derricks with three-ton winches and eight five-ton derricks with five-ton winches as well as one thirty-ton derrick at the forward end of No. 2 hatch and one fifteen-ton derrick at the after end of No. 4 hatch. With double tackle, 150 three-ton derricks can lift five tons, and the two five-ton derricks at the forward end of No. 2 hatch 10 tons respectively.

The ship has a main engine of 7,000 h.p. and an output of 7,000 H.P. giving a speed of 18 knots.

## FRIENDS OF THE DEAF MEETING

The inaugural meeting of the Friends of the Deaf will be held on April 15 at the Hotel Peninsula. The meeting will be held in the ballroom of the hotel. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the needs of the deaf community in Hong Kong and to plan for the future. The meeting will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are free. —United Press.

## Marine court's findings in Wing Hing Inquiry

The loss of the ss. Wing Hing by stranding on Chiling Point on February 12 was attributed by the Marine Court of Inquiry to the vessel's having been set off her course by an accumulation of unpredictable inshore sets and drifts.

This was stated by Mr. F.W.J. Skuttl, President of the Court, delivering the findings in the Marine Office yesterday. The Court also stated that the total error of the foundering was probably magnified by bad steering on the part of the Quartermasters.

The master of the ship, Stanley Gilbert Haines, was said to have been responsible for an omission in that he failed to avail himself of the advice given in the China Sea Pilot, Volume 11, to take constant soundings in thick or misty weather on this section of the China Coast.

"We are unanimously agreed that Stanley Gilbert Haines must be severely censured, but we do not find it necessary to cancel or suspend his Certificate of Competence as Master of a foreign-going ship," the Court declared. "The ss. Wing Hing, owned by the Ta Hing Company (Hong Kong) Limited, hit the rocks at Chiling Point on February 12 while making a trip from Amoy to Hong Kong."

Commenting on the journey from Amoy to the Colony, the Court statement ran as follows: "Throughout the vessel's passage from Amoy, the weather was light variable winds with continuous clouds and occasional patches of mist and fog, slight sea and swell."

"No sights were obtained owing to the weather conditions and the land was sighted after leaving Chapel Island until a matter of seconds before the vessel struck Chiling Point."

"The evidence shows that no soundings were taken at any time during the passage although a prudent skipper would have undoubtedly done so as soundings are advised on page 54, lines 23 to 26, China Sea Pilot, Volume 11. From time to time vessels have stranded on out-lying is-

lands on the Coast of China between Yohai Point and the entrance to the Yangtze-kiang and, in most cases, the strandings would not have occurred if attention had been paid to the necessity of constantly sounding in thick or misty weather."

The Courts stated that they were of the opinion that the discipline generally on board was not of a high standard with the exception in the case of the Engine Room Staff and the Radiating Operator. The Court attributed the loss of the ship to frequent changes in the ship's personnel and observed that the vessel had had 17 masters in less than three years and the present master had only joined the vessel on February 7, some five days before the Chiling Point foundering.

The Court recommended that the attention of the authorities be invited to the desirability of small vessels trading outside River Trade Limits being fitted with a potent sounding machine and a sounding platform. That in view of the two recent strandings in the vicinity of Chiling Point the attention of the Hydrographic Department, Admiralty, be invited to the desirability of revising the cautionary warnings on the charts in this area.

That the attention of the Hydrographic Department, Admiralty, be invited to the desirability of having a greater overlap of the coastal charts in the vicinity of Lamuk Islands. In conclusion, the Court placed on record their high appreciation of the fact that the ss. "City of Kimberley" or receipt of the SOE message from the ss. Wing Hing, immediately proceeded towards a rock-straw coast shrouded in fog and mist to render assistance. Tribute was also paid to the commanding officer of HMS Concorde for rescuing the Master, crew and passengers of ss. Wing Hing who were stranded ashore on Chiling Point.

The Marine Court of Inquiry, investigating into the loss of the ss. Wing Hing, comprised Mr. F. W. J. Skuttl, President, Captain T. N. Masterman RN and Mr. R. E. Smith, members.

## U.S. aid for South East Asia

Singapore, March 22. Some areas of South East Asia may receive American aid within 90 days, Mr. Robert Allen Griffin, the head of the United States technical assistance mission, told a press conference here today at the end of his Malayan visit.

Supplies would be economic, not military, and would include armoured cars for carrying police, he added. Bulldozers could also be included, in the category of economic supplies as they may be used to clear tracks.

Mr. Griffin announced that he had cable tentative recommendations to the United States Government and this will be followed by a full report. This full report would be up to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to disclose, he added.

Mr. Griffin considered Indonesia to be the country most urgently in need of aid, especially of medical supplies and agricultural tools. —Reuter.

## JAPANESE COIN COLLECTION STOLEN

Tokyo, March 22. A collection of priceless Japanese coins dating back for more than 500 years were stolen from the residence of Yasuichi Kurokawa, a wealthy stock company chairman, at Amabiki, near Kobe, reported the police yesterday.

The collection was started by Kurokawa's grandfather and had been considered priceless not only by antique dealers but also by historians interested in the history of Japanese currency.

The police authorities fear that the coins may be melted down by the burglars. —Reuter.

## EAST PAKISTAN BORDER INCIDENT

Calcutta, March 22. Police reinforcements were rushed today to the East Pakistan border district of Nadia after a border incident in which a large number of Pakistanis, supported by police and Ansars (armed Muslim volunteers) were reported to have crossed over into India yesterday and attacked a village.

## Highest priced newspaper

The highest priced daily newspaper in the world today is the British-owned and edited "North-China Daily News" published in Shanghai.

A copy dated March 12, received in Hong Kong yesterday, showed that the price for one copy was 5,000 Janninpi.

The official rate of exchange the same day was 3,300 Janninpi to one Hong Kong Dollar.

## Violations of Companies' Ordinance

Four companies were summoned before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for violations of regulations of the Companies' Ordinance.

The China Trust Company, Limited, 207, Wing Lok Street, second floor, and its director, Mai Tso-heng, pleaded guilty to eight summonses through Mr. A. S. C. Comber for failing to file returns for 1947, 1948, and 1949 and failing to hold a general meeting for 1949.

The Kader Industrial Company, and its director, Ting Lau-cho, through Mr. D. B. Evans, pleaded guilty to six similar summonses.

E. D. Sykes, of E. D. Sykes, Company, Limited, pleaded guilty to five of six summonses for failing to provide a list of members with a summary of capital and shares and other particulars, failing to hold general meetings and failing to file annual returns. He pleaded not guilty to the summonses that being a director of the company, he failed to take up the number of qualification shares.

Yu Lap, director of the Luk Hop Company, 54 Wing Lok Street, pleaded guilty to two summonses for failing to give notice of a change of address and for failing to file a return for 1949.

Mr. Wicks reserved judgments until next Tuesday. In the case of Sykes, Mr. Wicks adjourned hearing until next Thursday.

## Journalists leave for Bangkok

Three journalists left for Bangkok by Pan American World Airways yesterday to attend the coronation ceremony of the Siamese King which will be held in the Siamese capital on May 5.

They are Mr. John Morley, well known American columnist, who represents some 175 newspapers in the United States, Mr. Norman Soong, Managing-Editor of Pan Asiatic Newspaper Alliance, and Mr. Charles Correy, Staff Photographer of Associated Press, Tokyo.

Mr. Morley who is also a world news analyst with the National Broadcasting Corporation, is a veteran journalist.

From Bangkok, he will proceed to New Delhi where he has an appointment with Mr. Pandit Nehru.

The veteran U.S. journalist came here from Manila on Tuesday.

The other two journalists arrived from Tokyo yesterday morning.

Mr. Norman Soong will proceed to India, Malaya and Burma after the coronation of the Siamese King.

## DOCTORS LEAVE CANTON FOR NE

More than 1,000 medical doctors, technicians and skilled workers have left Canton in response to the North East People's Government's advertised appeal for specialists.

According to the vernacular "Sing Tao" (The Sun), they left in groups by train for Harbin to report for work there.

The report added that those with at least 12 years practical experience in their respective fields have been assured a monthly salary of 1,200 units equivalent to HK\$1,500. The average salary for others will be 800 units a month.

## POLICEMAN RUNS AMOK IN MALAYA

Singapore, March 22. Four persons were killed and two were wounded when a police officer in a car ran amok in Malacca yesterday. He is still at large with an automatic and a knife.

The killed are the wife of a Chinese worker in a small shop in a village near Malacca, a Chinese child and another person was wounded. —Reuter.



# Supplementary appropriation ordinance has first reading

## Reminders

### Today

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon at Peninsula Hotel, screening of film "Aquapulse", Liberation of Rome, 12.30 p.m.  
Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong Band Call (1st Bn. Royal Leicesters), 8 p.m.  
HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.  
European YMCA, Guest Night, Concert by Band of South Staffordshire Regiment, 7.30 p.m.  
British Council weekly film show, "Universities", speaker: Prof. J. E. Driver, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.  
Y's Men's Luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m. (closed meeting).  
HK Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.  
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild, whist drive, 8 p.m.  
Cheero Services Club, informal dance, 7.30 p.m.  
Francis Wu One-Man Photographic Exhibition, opening by Governor at 1.30 p.m., 217A, Prince's Building.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Kowloon Reel Club, End of Season Informal Dance, King George V School.  
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.  
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.  
Women's Section European YMCA, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.  
Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.  
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
MacDonnell concert, 5.30 p.m.  
HK Art Club, sketching party to Shek-O, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.  
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, address on "Combat against Leprosy" (with films) by Dr. Skinsney, 8.30 p.m.

## Pigeons do an 8-hour day

By ALLAN J. RANDS

Birds — or at any rate racing pigeons — work an eight-hour day, or something like it.

This is one of the discoveries made by Dr. D. H. Wilkinson, physicist, of the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, and Mr. G. V. T. Matthews, University zoologist, working together on research on bird navigation.

One of the problems — which scientists wished to solve — was the time spent by a homing bird in actual flight on any journey.

Homing birds have been followed by aeroplane, and the method has also been tried of applying a piece of camphor to a bird's wings and estimating the flight-time by the amount of camphor evaporated.

Now Dr. Wilkinson has contrived a very ingenious little box, which he fixed to the wings in the course of experiments with a couple of dozen racing pigeons.

This miniature box which Dr. Wilkinson describes in today's Nature, consists of a source of alpha-particles — in this case the radioactive element polonium — with a specially prepared photographic plate opposite to it.

When the bird is at rest a steel ball, falling into a slot, prevents the alpha-rays from reaching the plate. But when the bird is in flight the ball rolls away.

The recording on the plate shows the time the bird has been in flight. "Roughly," Dr. Wilkinson told me, "we found that the homing pigeons were in the air for about eight hours a day during August, when the sun is up for 15 hours. Our experiments are not yet concluded."

### FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Prison Officer Frederick Ignatius Wanders, of Flat A, Arbuthot Road, and Miss Theresa Marie Resario, of 107 Prince Edward Road, top floor, has been announced.

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The Ordinance to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$30,135,964 to defray the charges for the financial year ended March 31, 1949, passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows, told Council that the expenditure for the year 1948/49 was estimated at \$150,284,105 but the actual expenditure was \$9,669,918 in excess of the estimate.

This over-expenditure was almost entirely the result of the payment of occupation period pay to members of the Government Service who were not interned, of an increase in the cost of living allowance, and of a number of outstanding adjustments following the revision of salary scales.

The appropriation of \$30,135,964 did not mean this sum was actually spent but merely the total of excesses on the different heads, and if the savings were taken into account, the actual over-expenditure is only just more than \$3,000,000.

## Court Brevities

The master of the ss. Tai Chung Shan, Archibald Henry Bathurst, was fined \$100 for failing to produce a complete list of passengers to the Immigration Officer and failing to produce the passengers for inspection and interrogation.

Before the Justice of Peace Court, Bathurst pleaded guilty and said that the ship arrived from Hainan with a large number of cattle and that the passengers were cattle minders.

According to the prosecution the ship arrived in the Colony on February 5. Bathurst made a report that there only five passengers on board. Later it was found that 19 more passengers were on board serving as cattle minders.

Miss Helen Hindmarsh residing at Repulse Bay Hotel was summoned before the Justice of Peace Court for failing to notify the authorities of a change of address.

Mr. Strellet represented Miss Hindmarsh and pleaded guilty on her behalf. She was cautioned.

According to the prosecution, Miss Hindmarsh, an American, arrived in the Colony on November 13, she informed the Immigration Officer that she lived at the Peninsula Hotel.

On February 24, the Immigration authorities found that Miss Hindmarsh was not living at the Peninsula Hotel.

It was found later that Miss Hindmarsh had changed her address to Repulse Bay on January 31.

Two unemployed men, Chung Siu-wah, alias Chung Ting-kwai, and Au Shu-fong, aged 20, were committed to stand trial by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for the possession of arms and ammunition.

Chung was alleged to have had in his possession a Mauser pistol and five rounds of ammunition at Nga Tsin Wai Village on February 12, while Au was alleged to have attempted to sell two Smith and Wesson revolvers and 20 rounds of ammunition to two Chinese detectives in disguise at Li Uk Village, Shamshuipo, on February 10.

Detectives Sub-Inspector P. Lowe and E. P. Grace conducted the cases for the prosecution.

Caught smoking a cigarette in court while a session was on, Yau Ming, a spectator, was fined \$5 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

On a charge of housebreaking, Law So-chung, rickshaw puller, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant in the early morning of February 13 broke into the India Bazaar, 55 Nathan Road, and stole clothing materials and ornaments to the total value of \$800.

The women, Lam Pik-fong and Shiu Yuk-chu, were fined \$200 and \$30, respectively, for receiving the stolen goods. Detective Sub-Inspector J. Howlett prosecuted.

### Security measures

Council also approved two supplementary appropriations, moved by the Financial Secretary, one for the first quarter, and one for the second quarter, for the year ended March 31, 1950.

The Financial Secretary explained that all the larger items were connected with security measures.

Mr. C. G. S. Follows, the Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs in place of Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins on leave, was sworn in as a member of Council yesterday.

The Ordinance to amend the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance 1948 passed its second and third reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Two amending ordinances — the Ordinance to Amend the Air Armaments Practice Ordinance 1948, and the Ordinance to Amend the Defence (Firing Area) Ordinance 1938, — were read a first time.

## ARABIAN NIGHTS WEDDING

A wedding — Moroccan style — will bring back memories of last year's wedding of the century when at a cost of £300,000 the Caliph of Morocco married a Princess cousin of the Sultan.

Now this "Desert Song" country is preparing a spectacle which will eclipse even the "Arabian Nights" — and perhaps even last year's wedding — for sheer fantasy. The occasion will be the marriage of Si Ahmed El Glaoui, son of the famous Pasha El Glaoui, rakesh, to a daughter of a Moorish Child — one of the most important in the Moroccan administration and nobility.

Since both bride and bridegroom belong to the most famous of Moroccan families, the order has gone out that expense is to be spared, no luxury considered too great, for the occasion. All the pashas and califs (judges) of Morocco, the nobility and the gentry of the fabulous Sherifian Empire, the princes — of the Sultan's blood are expected to attend.

According to Moroccan tradition, the chief guests as well as their families and servants will all enjoy the bridegroom's hospitality for however long the celebrations may last — and that, in Morocco, may mean anything up to six weeks.

Already, writes Allan Roy from Tangier, gifts are pouring into Marrakech from all over Morocco and composers and poets are writing music and verse in honour of the marriage.

All of which indicates that in Morocco at any rate, there is no such thing as austerity!

## Movie bull-fight

The film industry, the Spanish film industry at any rate, has been turning its cameras on the world's most controversial "sport" — bull-fighting.

Writing from Madrid, correspondent William Stutter told how a camera team has just been visiting the famous arena at Aranjuez to get some real-life close-ups of the battle between Bull and Man. The "shots" taken were to be used in a film based on the life of "Pedro Romero," who, in eight years between 1771 and 1779, killed over 5,000 bulls.

Where "Pedro Romero" was successful however, the cameramen on their own particular mission, were not. Bulls apparently dislike the camera almost as much as the quick-thrust sword. In a matter of minutes the cameras started turning no fewer than seven bull-fighters — including one of Spain's best-known matadors — had been caught on the bull's horns.

Robbed of their "star" matadors, the film directors were left with the uncomfortable real-life problem of how to kill the already wounded bull. As the one volunteered to tackle the dangerous task of plunging the sword in true tauro-machian style, the executioner's job to a Civil Guard who shot the bull dead with rifle fire from behind a wire-mesh adequate barrier.

Next time the film unit goes on location, they are to take more matadors — and a more docile bull.



Troops of the 42 Commando Royal Marines in slow tempo, marched past the Brigade H. Q. in Kowloon yesterday where the salute was taken by the GOC-in-C Sir Robert Mansergh. The inspection parade took place at Chatham Road, attended by a large gathering. Seen coming past the saluting base in the picture is "A" Troop of 42 Commandos led by Lieutenant D. M. Trace. — ("China Mail" Photo).

## GOC-in-C inspects the 42 Commandos

Thousands thronged the streets and windows of Kowloon yesterday as five platoons of the 42 Commando Royal Marines swung into Nathan Road after giving the salute to the GOC-in-C, Sir Robert Mansergh, in a slow march past at Brigade HQ.

The occasion was the inspection of 42 Commando Royal Marines by the GOC-in-C Hong Kong, and the parade took place at the Merchant Navy football ground, Chatham Road, before a large number of distinguished guests as well as the local public.

Dressed in jungle green, the commandos assembled at Whitfield barracks. The green berets trooped down Austin Road, led by the bands of 3 Commando Brigade and HMS Kenya — attired in jungle green and white helmets — and formed on the football ground under commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel I.H. Riches.

A general salute was given by the men when the GOC-in-C arrived, and after the inspection, fired a Feu de Jole to the delight of hundreds of school children and spectators.

The parade then advanced in review order and gave the general salute. After this, the GOC-in-C proceeded by car to Brigade HQ in Middle Road.

The crowd followed as the parade marched down Chatham Road. Arriving at Brigade HQ the Commandos broke into slow time and in column of divisions marched past the saluting base at Brigade HQ where Sir Robert took the salute.

The parade then swung into Nathan Road, resumed the normal tempo and marched along Nathan Road back to Whitfield Barracks.

### Thousands watch

The whole parade was watched by thousands. Road blocks were put up by the police as the parade took up the full breadth of the road, marching in column of divisions.

Guests included the three service chiefs, Commodore Brownfield, and AOC A. D. Davis, and many high ranking officers of the three branches. Present also were a number of Royal Marine officers whose dress uniform singled them out for favourable comment by many watching the parade. Among them also were a few United States Marines officers who turned up in their own dress uniform.

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## Two sentenced in forged notes case

For having in possession 8,675 forged 10-cent notes, Yung Wong and Wong Sang were given five years and three years hard labour, respectively, by Mr. Justice Gould, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Wong Sang, who had pleaded guilty, asked for leniency in view of his plea and the fact that he knew he had done wrong. Mr. Gould told him he was satisfied with information obtained that his part in the crime was only as a carrier for the forged notes.

A jury of five men and two women unanimously found Yung Wong guilty on two counts of the offence.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector J. Martin, prosecuted. The accused conducted his own defence.

## INDIA-PEKING TALKS COMPLETED

New Delhi, March 22. Negotiations between India and Communist China regarding the exchange of diplomatic relations are now complete, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here Wednesday.

He added that according to present indications, Sardar K. M. Panikkar, India's former Ambassador to the Kuomintang, is expected to be accredited to the Peking Government.

Press reports quoted Panikkar as saying in Bombay that he expected to leave for Peking in two weeks. — Associated Press.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 9th March, 1950, to Friday, 24th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED, General Managers.

Hong Kong, Dated this March 3, 1950.

## NOTICE

HARRY WICKING AND COMPANY LIMITED.

COMPANIES (RE-CONSTRUCTION OF RECORDS) ORDINANCE 1947.

HARRY WICKING AND COMPANY LIMITED (hereinafter called "the Company") has lost its Memorandum of Association and is proposing to adopt a New Memorandum of Association under the provisions of Section 9 of the above Ordinance.

Copies of the proposed New Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the Company's Registered Office, Prince's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong during ordinary business hours.

All persons who wish to raise objections to the proposed New Memorandum, should file a brief statement in writing of such objections with the Registrar of Companies, Hong Kong, on or before the 23rd day of June 1950.

All persons raising such objections should also file an address for service within the Colony of Hong Kong with the Registrar of Companies.

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## NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on Friday, the 31st day of March 1950 at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949, and to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st day of March 1950 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1950

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

MESSRS. LO AND LO, Solicitors, etc., Have Removed Their Office to QUEEN'S BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, ICE HOUSE STREET

Not certain it can be made.

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Nobel Prize-winning scientist, says he is not at all certain that man can make a hydrogen bomb, continues Associated Press in a report from Pasadena, California.

He is frankly sceptical that any man-made device will ever split the earth's atom.

"But it is true," he says, "that we and our possible adversary now possess the instruments to destroy each other."

Dr. Millikan is 62 today. In an interview commemorating the occasion, the physicist first laid

# Fear of hydrogen bomb spurs movement in U.S. for world government

New York, March 22.

The "New York Times" reported on Monday that Dr. Harrison Brown of the University of Chicago, made a speech here on Sunday night warning that he was convinced that men would use the hydrogen bomb in war even though they know its use would destroy all life.

The occasion was a dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel under the auspices of the "Writers Board for World Government" with the aim to further the cause of world government and to prevent a third world war.

Dr. Brown is one of the leading atomic scientists in this country, and it is recalled that he advanced the opinion in a radio programme about a month ago that hydrogen bomb, if developed, could exterminate most, if not all, the world's population.

Dr. Brown may be right or wrong, but the fear or apprehension held by the American people towards a new war where hydrogen bombs may be used by both antagonists is very real. And it is through these fears that various movements and organizations advocating formation of a world government, lately gaining popularity in the United States.

The sponsor of the Sunday night dinner, the "Writers Board for World Government" is an organization formed last July by 17 American writers including such internationally known writers as Mr. John Hersey, Mr. Robert E. Sherwood and Mr. Carl van Doren.

Most of the American organizations pushing the world government movement are related more or less with the "World Movement for World Federal Government" which has its headquarters in Paris and has as its president Sir John Boyd Orr. The American organizations have as their members people from all walks of life, such as former government officials, diplomats, military men, writers, university presidents and professors, Congressmen and Senators of both the Democratic and Republican parties, labour union leaders, etc. In the United States, they work to secure Congressional support for resolutions curtailing their programme.

## Atlantic union

One of the leading organizations in the "Atlantic Union Committee." It was organized in March, 1949 with the twofold programme of (1) supporting ratification of the North Atlantic Pact, and (2) of introducing to Congress a resolution calling upon the President to call a convention of the countries that sponsored the pact to form a union, like the Union of the American States.

It has as its two vice presidents Mr. Will Clayton, former Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr. Robert T. Patterson, former Secretary of War.

Another influential organization is "United World-Federalists," which aims to transform the United Nations into a world federal government. A bill sponsored by the organization to seek its development "strengthen the United Nations and to seek its development into a world federation" has already been introduced into the Congress.

Fifteen state legislatures have already supported a plan to call a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to allow U.S. participation in world government. Influential groups like the American Veterans Organisation, Farmers Union, United Automobile Workers, and Young Republican National Federation have supported this plan. The organization is reported to have more than 40,000 dues-paying members.

Another organization working for the world government is "The Citizens Committee for United Nations Reform," which counts among its supporters such powerful groups as the American Legion, General Federation of Women's Clubs, bar associations, etc. It proposes immediate revision of the United Nations charter to abolish the veto, to ban the armament race and to create a world police force. Whether these organizations can achieve anything to promote world peace remains to be seen. But the fact remains that they have come into being to fill the vacuum created by lack of any sensible and workable plan to prevent another war, and that they will continue to attract supporters until such a plan is achieved and put into practice.

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ed and measured the electron and opened the way for present-day atomic research, observed:

"With all the talk about the hydrogen bomb, I'm not yet convinced that it's at all certain we can build such a bomb. Of course it is possible to make the hydrogen in all the seas combine at once into helium, we probably could explode the whole earth and transform it into a nebula.

"However, I'm still sceptical. I think it would take a warmer lady than mother earth to make such a thing possible."

Millikan, at 62, is known as the "billion-volt sparkplug" of the California Institute of Technology.

Although he "retired" as chairman of the school's executive council in 1945, he still maintains a pace that would kill many a younger man.

He addresses the faculty of Fresno, California, State College at noon today, then flies back here to attend a dinner party.

Millikan observed:

"We may be lost if we fail to maintain the American way of life against Socialist trends which threaten our personal freedom."

"We must make it very plain to Russia that we will go ahead without her if she won't join with us in this ideal. Above all, we must be too strong to be attacked, and too smart to be deceived."

Associated Press.

## Robbers sentenced

Five robbers who went to rob an opium divan on January 8, but who lost heart and ran off when a woman in the house shouted for help, were given hard labour terms at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Scholes, in reply to multi-gated pleas for leniency from the accused in that they had dependants to look after, remarked that the prisoners should have thought of them before committing a crime.

Chan Kwong and Hung Kwai were found guilty of attempted robbery with aggravation by a jury of six men and a woman, and sentenced to three years each. Chan Sal-man and Tang Lau-man, who had pleaded guilty to a similar charge, in addition to possession of arms and ammunition, were each given five years and 10 strokes. Tsui Hing, aged 18, was sentenced to four years and light strokes in consideration for his age. He too had pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and possession of arms.

None of the accused was legally represented. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Davies, prosecuted.

The incident concerned took place at 284 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, which was run as an opium divan. Three men who followed the keeper of the house in the evening, produced guns, and were joined by several others who had previously been inside the house.

A woman however let out an alarm, and the robbers ran off and were eventually arrested.

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## McCarthy continues crusade

Washington, March 22. Senator Joseph McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, was reported today to have told Senate Communist hunters that he believes the Federal Bureau of Investigation trailed four Soviet spy suspects to contacts with an American he accuses of heading an espionage ring.

McCarthy's reported testimony came in a closed session of a Senate foreign relations subcommittee. Democrats said he had thus far produced no primary evidence.

The Wisconsin Senator was said to have agreed there that his accusations that the State Department is harbouring Communists largely will stand or fall on this case.

The individual involved was identified by McCarthy as an affiliate of the State Department. He furnished the name of a man to the subcommittee at yesterday's closed session.

Chairman Millard Tydings, Maryland Democrat, of the subcommittee looking into McCarthy's charges, told reporters that the group already had received the name once before from McCarthy.

Tydings said the Wisconsin Senator offered "no primary evidence" to back up his charges, "but did suggest 'we investigate in certain places where he said he believed evidence might be obtained.'"

## FBI files

Tydings did not say so, but it was obvious that McCarthy had referred the committee to the FBI investigation files. It was understood Tydings is trying to arrange for committee members to look at these files, along with the State Department and civil service loyalty records.

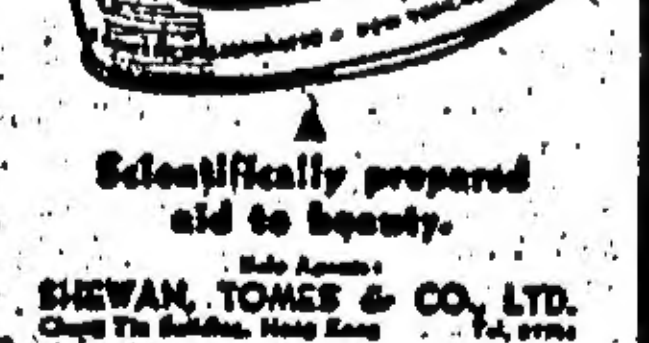
Administration lieutenants said President Truman may decide shortly how far the committee shall be permitted to go in delving into the files.

McCarthy's friends said he feels so sure the FBI files will reveal what he has called "jarring" information about the alleged American espionage chief that he is willing to make that a test case.

If the files substantiate McCarthy's reported statement that the FBI trailed Russian agents to the door of the American suspect, McCarthy may claim that proves that he was not just "politicking" when he made other charges.

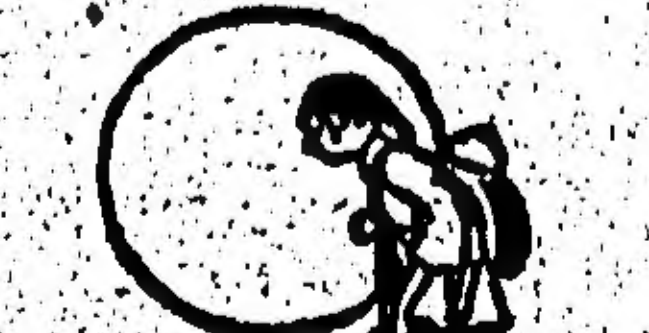
On the other hand, if the committee finds McCarthy did not know what he was talking about, Democratic members may be inclined to drop the investigation.

There were signs that Democratic members, who have been inclined to scoff at most charges made by McCarthy, regarded his latest accusations as extremely serious.—Associated Press.



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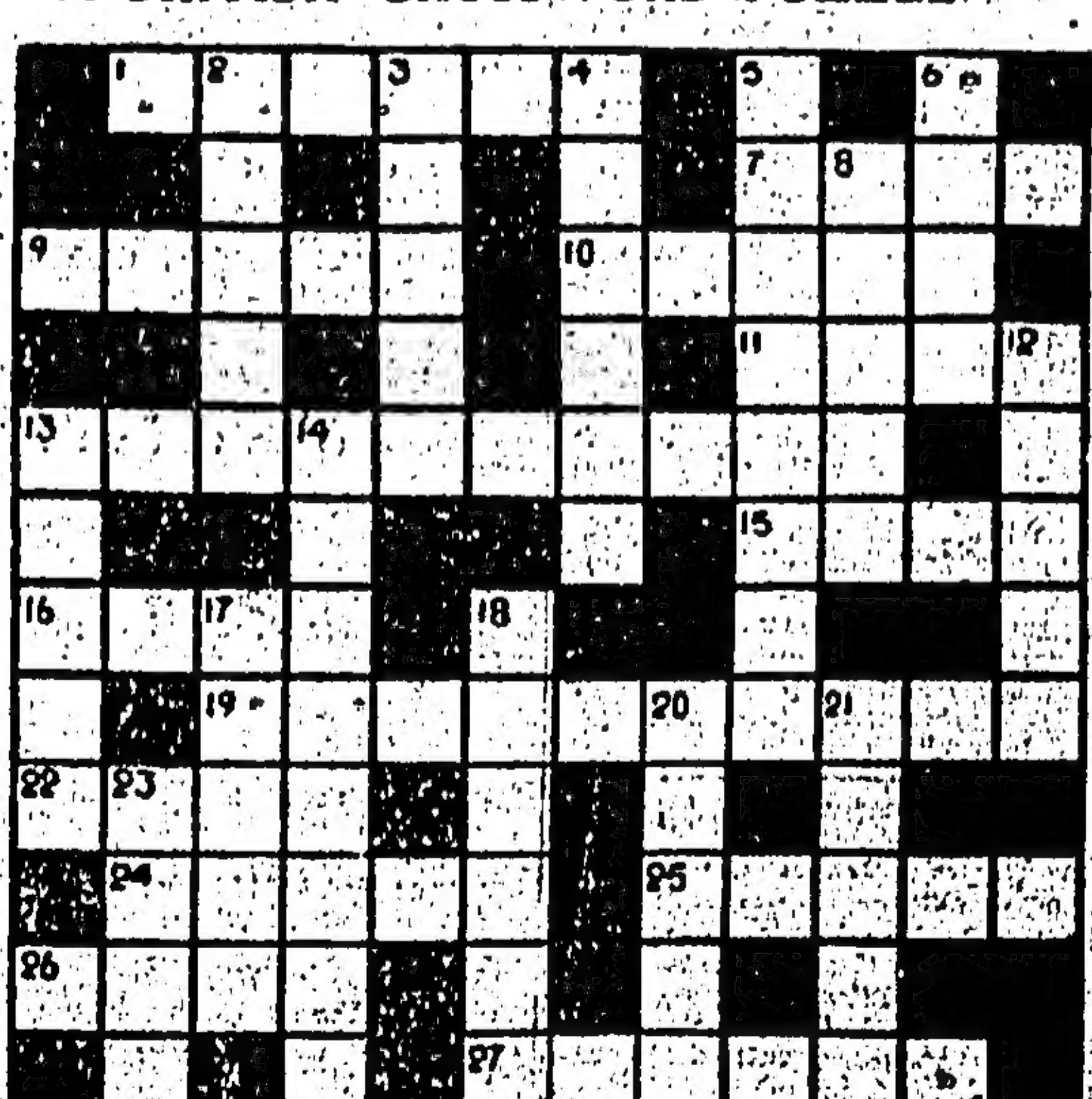
WHEN FACTS ARE NEEDED WHEREAS the side which becomes the declarer doesn't like the opponents to have any more information than possible, there are times when it is necessary to exchange as many facts as possible in order to reach a sound decision as to what should be the declaration. There is a big difference between that and the giving of superfluous information when one partner has learned the declaration which should be picked.

There was another advantage to East's 3-Spades call. It indicated, not too gently, that if West had any kind of qualified stopper in the unbid clubs East might be interested in No Trumps. That was a lot sounder than what the other East did when he took a chance on his singly-stopped clubs in a hand with no particularly trickful suit to run. West, having no club strength, properly showed diamond preference.

How much more precise and sound the bidding was at Table 2. It was rewarded by giving a nice little plus score to East for making his 4-Diamonds right on the head, losing only one trick each in clubs, hearts and diamonds. The No Trump game effort at Table 1 was beaten four tricks following a lead of the club 2.

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable). If South never bids anything but spades, what are North's correct bids on this deal?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1 Summary. 10 Disagree. 20 Aims. 21 Bedeck. 30 Colour. 32 Desire earnestly. 33 Leaf over. 34 Slope. 35 Blame. 36 Habit. 37 Close. 38 Readily. 39 Stuff.

Down  
2 Proportion. 4 Propose for election. 5 Cut. 6 Th. 7 Bedeck. 8 Wealth. 9 Wrought. 10 Goes. 11 Pictorial. 12 Quickly. 13 Enigma. 14 Get up. 15 Book. 16 Conclude. 17 Figure. 18 Surpass.

Yesterday's Crossword  
ACROSS—1 Mounie. 4 Dirty. 5 North. 8 Terms. 10 Snip. 12 Persuade. 15 Brain. 16 Team. 17 Idle. 19 Newel. 20 Created. 21 Slur. 23 Booby. 24 Truvel. 25 Ashen. 26 Blinded.

DOWN—1 Monastic. 2 Unstable. 3 Toll. 5 Iterates. 6 Tumble. 9 Waned. 11 Preamble. 12 Pine. 13 Bellowed. 14 Emeralds. 15 Droops. 22 Oral.



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**NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

**FOURTH RACE MEETING**

Saturday, 25th March, 1950.

There are ten races, the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby (over 250,000 tickets disposed of to date) to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950, which may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

There will be no Special Sweep on the last Race.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.**

MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all child etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5.—including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

**SERVANTS' PASSES.**

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' service.

BY ORDER: A. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

## MORE OPPOSITION TO RETURN OF LEOPOLD

### ATLANTIC NATIONS TO MEET

London, March 22. The Finance Ministers of the 12 Atlantic Pact countries will meet here on March 29 to discuss the financial and economic effort needed for an integrated defence system for the North Atlantic area.

Announcing this date the Treasury adding that the Marshall Plan moving Ambassador Mr. Averell Harriman, will provide over the gathering.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will represent Britain.

The Finance Committee advises the Atlantic Pact Council.

Since the Committee first met last December, its permanent staff has been studying the financial and economic requirements of the North Atlantic defence programme.

The first of a series of meetings of the Western Union and Atlantic Pact Military Defence Committees will begin at The Hague on March 23, culminating in a meeting of the Atlantic Pact Defence Ministers on March 31.

The five regional groups of the Atlantic Pact have been drawing up plans for the defence of their regions. The talks at The Hague will seek to co-ordinate regional plans and study their practicability.

The Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Pact countries will meet later in April or May with the result of The Hague meeting before them.—Reuter.

### CHILD ACTRESS 'NEAR HYSTERIA'

Hollywood, March 21. A minister testified today that he once saw the child actress Lora Lee Michel bruised and on the point of hysterics.

The Reverend Elford Sundstrun of Burbank was the first prosecution witness in the trial of Mrs. Lorraine Michel, aged 45, on charges that she starved and beat the nine-year-old actress because she was growing too big for film roles.

Lora Lee herself was hidden in an office in the court building during the morning session, then appeared at lunch time and posed for photographers, sitting on the witness stand.

The minister said he saw Lora Lee on December 18 in the office of her dramatic coach and called the deputy sheriff to examine her.

"She was severely bruised and on the point of hysterics," he said. "She had black and blue marks on her arms, shoulders, buttocks and legs."—United Press.

### SWEDEN WOULD FIGHT

Stockholm, March 22. If Sweden is involved in a war against her will, she will defend her independence to the utmost, the Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Oesten Unden, declared in a foreign policy speech today.

But her policy is the same as it was always been—neutrality.—Reuter.

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## Belgium tonight is still without a Government. The "caretaker" Prime Minister, M. Gaston Eyskens, has so far been unable to form an administration to replace his Catholic-Liberal Coalition, which resigned on Saturday.

In talks between leaders of the Catholic and Liberal Parties, a hardening of the Liberal opposition to the return of King Leopold appears tonight to have compromised plans for the early formation of a new Coalition.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had forecast a new Coalition within hours.

Meanwhile, the Socialist Members of Parliament announced that they would lead "Stop Leopold" parades in the industrialised South on Friday, when 300,000 workers stage a second one-day "warning" strike against the King's restoration.

They said they would lead demonstrations through Liege, Mons and Charleroi against King Leopold's restoration.

The Socialist Members of Parliament also today gave 100,000 Belgian francs to the fighting fund of the "Stop Leopold" Action Committee formed by the party trade unionists and other Socialist supporters.

The tense labour situation caused a little today when Antwerp dockers and 10,000 Brussels "Stop Leopold" strikers returned to work. But Council employees in four boroughs of the bilingual capital began their own strike and tramwaymen also threatened a walk-out.

Rumours that the Walloon social organisations have decided to link up with a "Free Wallonia" movement, to set up a separate autonomous State, caused a stir today.

Spaak's advice

M. Joseph Marlot, former Socialist Minister and a Walloon leader, said that applications to join the new movement are pouring in from the Southern provinces.

The growing threat of stoppages is causing a run on food shops and some shopkeepers have sold out their tinny stocks. Workers are today reconstructing and redecorating a wing of

### Britain's offer on EPU plan

Paris, March 21. Britain today circulated to the other 17 Marshall Plan nations her conditions for joining the proposed European Payments Union.

The offer was put informally in a 15-page document to delegates of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

An official of the British delegation said today, "We simply feel that the currency which carries 50 per cent of the world's trade cannot be treated on the same basis as a currency that finances trade in a particular country, say Belgium or Greece."

Continental nations, often critical of Britain's caution in committing herself to European arrangements because of Sterling Area implications, have not yet reacted to the proposal.

Britain's objections to the scheme have arisen largely from a fear that she might lose gold or dollars to countries with large accumulations of Sterling.

Meanwhile, the 18-nation Payments Committee of the OEEC, under the Chairmanship of M. Hubert Ansiaux of Belgium, today began a technical consideration of the principles of the Union. Their work is expected to go on until June.—Reuter.

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### CHINA TRAINING TECHNICIANS

San Francisco, March 21. Peking Radio reported tonight that the North East China People's Government had instructed all industrial, commercial and agricultural organizations to establish as many training schools for technicians as possible.

The purpose of this was to cope with the demands of a reconstruction programme in Manchuria, the Radio added.—Reuter.

### KMT GATHERING IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, March 21. Three hundred Kuomintang members and other pro-Nationalist held a dinner tonight in celebration of the resumption of the presidency by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

In after-dinner speeches, more than a dozen speakers, including a woman, reaffirmed their support for the Nationalist government, and bitterly denounced Mao Tse-tung, Stalin, and everything Communist.

Chen Kwok-chu, a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, said that the Nationalist army, navy and air force, in co-operation with 2,000,000 guerrillas on the mainland, are ready for a counter-offensive.

Another speaker said confidently: "Today we are celebrating the beginning of the counter-offensive. On March 21, 1951, we hope to celebrate a final triumph over the Communists."

Elaborate security measures were provided by the police at this first Nationalist celebration since the dark days of the fall of Mukden.—United Press.

## Comet's fast flight to Copenhagen

Hatfield, March 21. Britain's De Havilland Comet—the world's first jet passenger plane—flew 1,800 miles to Copenhagen and back today in three hours and 28 minutes flying time. The normal time for the route is about seven hours.

Five days ago the Comet—the "plane of the future"—averaged 440 miles an hour on a record round trip of under four hours to Rome and back to Britain. Today's average speed was 480 miles an hour.

The Comet did not break a record today because there is no official record for the London-Copenhagen flight.—Reuter.

## RUSSIAN DEMAND IGNORED

Washington, March 22. The United States is ignoring Russia's demand for the trial of Emperor Hirohito as a war criminal.

The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Alexander Biryukov, personally called on the Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, on February 1 to force prosecution of the Japanese Emperor. Mr. Biryukov presented a 22-page note attempting to indict Hirohito and a number of Japanese army officers.

Today, several weeks later, the United States has not even answered. An authoritative source said the United States will probably never reply.

United States officials believe the Soviet move was intended for propaganda and not even the Russians expected much else to result.

Mr. Biryukov accused Hirohito and Japanese army officers of using germ warfare against Soviet and Chinese troops in Manchuria during World War II. They were accused of spreading cholera and bubonic plague.

American officials said Russia is wailing on a long-standing agreement to end such war crimes trials in Japan. All the countries that fought Japan agreed on February 24, 1945, that no more major war crimes trials would begin.

Only the Far Eastern Commission, composed of States that fought Japan, can rescind the agreement—and Russia is boycotting the commission.

State Department officials have full support in Congress for ignoring the Russian move.—United Press.

## CADOGAN TO RETIRE

London, March 22. Sir Alexander Cadogan, Britain's "perfect diplomat," whose suave hard-hitting speeches often annoyed the Soviet delegates, is retiring from his post as permanent British representative on the Security Council, the Foreign Office announced today.

Sir Alexander, who is 68 this year and has 42 years in the Diplomatic Service, will be succeeded by Sir Hubert Miles Gladwyn Jebb, who at the age of 50 is a leading Foreign Office expert on the United Nations.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who was knighted in February last year, was one of the officials who worked out plans for the United Nations Organization and deputized for Mr. Ernest Bevin as head of the British delegation at the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference in June, 1946.—Reuter.

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## ADENAUER SAYS:

## WAR WOULD BE WORTH WHILE FOR RUSSIANS

Bonn, March 21.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, is convinced that any war would be worth while for Soviet Russia which places Europe in its hands.

"It would be a great mistake if the Western world allowed itself to be lulled into sleep by a false sense of security," he declared in a statement which gave details of a recent Press interview by the Chancellor.

"American armament has advanced so far that there is no immediate danger of the United States being conquered," he said.

## "DUNKIRK" TO BE RE-ENACTED

London, March 21.

The Hardy British yachtsmen and "Sunday sailors" who helped to rescue the British expeditionary force from Dunkirk beaches in 1940 are to make the trip again.

It is a sentimental journey commemorating the great armada of little ships which steamed from England to the French shore 10 years ago to aid the hardpressed Royal Navy. Bombed and strafed, the amateur sailors allied from beach to ship, embarking the exhausted British and Allied troops driven to the coast by the Nazi blitzkrieg.

Many civilian would-be rescuers died with the soldiers they tried to save. German fighters added their tiny vessels with machine-gun fire. Some launches sank under the weight of the troops crowded aboard. But most got home.

Tentative date for the commemorative trip is June 4, 1950. It was set at a meeting of ship captains aboard the Wellington, Headquarters ship of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, moored in the Thames River. A committee under Captain William H. Coombs, barrister and master mariner, was appointed to make arrangements.

Said Captain Coombs: "We want to recapture the spirit and memory of Dunkirk. We have been in touch with the Mayor of Dunkirk and are assured of a great welcome there."

The plan is for a fleet of little ships—yachts, lighters, launches—to follow the course to Dunkirk taken in 1940. A memorial service will be held either in Dunkirk or on the beaches.

Fewer risks will be taken this time. Warned the Ministry of Transport: "During the 1940 evacuation we could have little regard for the seaworthiness of the ships which went to the rescue."

"But in 1950 practical seamen should make sure that only suitable craft make the trip. We can't count on the calm weather we had in 1940."

The sailors hope that the wartime Premier, Winston Churchill, will see them off.—Associated Press.

## U.S. DEFENCE APPROPRIATION

Washington, March 21. The House Appropriations Committee today approved \$18,911,127,300 for national defence in the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

The Committee said that even this big sum might be too little to prepare the United States for an emergency. The need for economy and financial stability kept it from raising the total. The Committee admitted grave risks are being taken in not financing a better prepared programme.—Associated Press.

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"However, I doubt whether the Soviet leaders are so convinced of the state of American armament that a war would not pay for the Soviet Union."

"It is my conviction that any war would be worth while for Soviet Russia which places Europe in its hands."

"Whether, after a Soviet conquest of Europe, the United States would fight for its liberation, seems to me not only questionable but improbable," Dr. Adenauer continued.

"Therefore, I believe that the temptation for Soviet Russia to make war is greater than is generally supposed."

"In these circumstances peace can only be assured if the Soviet leaders are convinced of the impossibility of the conquest of Europe."

## Western Europe

Turning to the position in Western Europe, Dr. Adenauer said, "It is not very promising. Great Britain, in consequence of the recent Elections, is not in the position to take bold steps. That is quite clear in the field of foreign policy. The Government and the Opposition have, in contrast to the usual British tradition, very different views upon the defence of Western Europe."

"In Italy there are serious domestic conflicts. In France one strike follows another. The Council of Europe has so far obtained no noteworthy success. In this state of affairs a genuine belief in the future of Europe is not strong."

"Soviet Russia knows that quite well. But I am convinced that the entire position could be altered, overnight if the world could secure an effective proof that Europe has still the strength for fresh life. If Soviet Russia really could be convinced of the firm resolve of Western Europe to take a new and decisive step, then that would have a profound influence upon Soviet policy in Europe and throughout the world."

## Union with Franco

Turning to the problem of union with France, Dr. Adenauer pointed to the disunited state of Germany after the Napoleonic wars.

"A Customs Union and a Customs Parliament," he said, "were the beginning of European unity. I am thinking of a similar procedure. One should bring the two countries together gradually on the basis of Customs and economy."

He suggested that a common Economic Parliament could be established containing elected members of the Parliaments of the two countries.

The two Governments could found an organisation which would be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Economic Parliament.

"In the course of time," he continued, "the functions of the Economic Parliament and the Economic Government representation could be extended so as to bring the two countries together step by step."

## Time for action

"The Saar conventions," Dr. Adenauer continued, "give an example of the way in which two countries can be merged together."

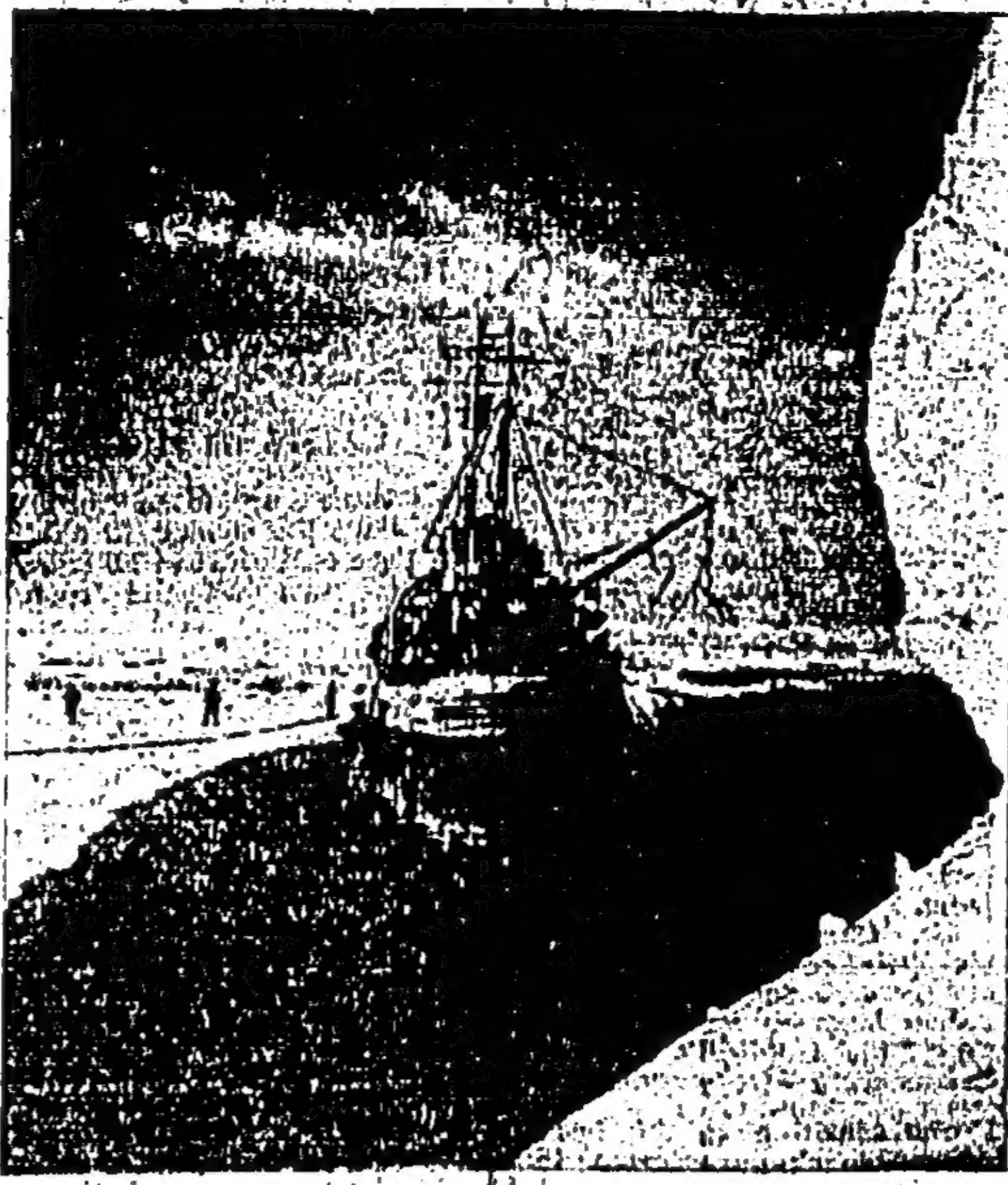


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## In the Antarctic



The French Antarctic expedition which left Brest, France, aboard the "Commandant Charcot" reached its destination in mid-January when it arrived at Cape Discovery in Adelle Land. Eleven members of the crew will stay three more than a year to make scientific observations. Photo shows the "Commandant Charcot" moored to an ice floe when nearing Cape Discovery.—(Associated Press Photo).

## Jerusalem attack on trusteeship

Geneva, March 21.

The text of a telegram from the Jewish Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Daniel Auster, stating that the entire population of the city will never agree to trusteeship was published here today.

The telegram, which was addressed to M. Roger Garreau, President of the Trusteeship Council, which is at present debating the statute for Jerusalem, declared:

"On behalf of the entire population of Jerusalem, I strongly oppose any plan to internationalise Jerusalem. Three thousand years ago, Jerusalem was a sovereign State having given to the world the highest moral and cultural values of the Bible, etc."

"We will never agree to trusteeship. We are an integral part of Israel and its eternal capital."

Mr. Aubrey Eban, the Israel observer to the Trusteeship Council, said today that the bitter animosity felt by all Jews towards Germans and Germany would not permit the return to Israel of even German religious bodies or institutions.

Mr. Eban spoke during today's debate on articles dealing with the protection and return of religious property in Jerusalem.

The Israeli Government, said Mr. Eban, could not at present permit the return to German churches or religious institutions of property previously held by them in Jerusalem; and which is at present held by the Israeli Custodian.

Mr. Eban said he supports a proposal by France and the United States which lay down that such property shall either be restored or transferred to another church, or mission or other religious or charitable agency, representative of the same confession.

This would permit that the ownership of the property held before the last war by, for example, the German Lutheran Church, could be legally resumed by the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Mr. Eban cited several commercial concerns formerly owned

## H-bomb test in Pacific rumoured

Washington, March 21.

Atomic Energy Commission officials today refused to confirm Press reports that the hydrogen bomb will be tested at Eniwetok Atoll in April.

The official said: "We do not deny we are not committed. This is the usual answer given by the Commission to any question, basing on future operations."

The Commission has announced that another atomic test will be made, but even the date has never been disclosed. However, sources with close contacts at the Commission doubt the accuracy of the report of a Press association (not the United Press) because the development of the first hydrogen bomb is expected to take longer than the period between President Truman's announced decision to make it and April, when the unconfirmed reports said, the bomb would be tested.—United Press.

## AIR COLLISION

Toulon, March 21.

Two military training planes collided in mid-air near here today, killing the two pilots. One plane had its tail torn off before crashing in a back garden. The other exploded in the air.—Reuters.

by German religious institutions to illustrate the complexity of the problem.—Reuters.

## MANILA FORGERY SCANDAL

Manila, March 22.

The biggest counterfeiting case in Philippine history took on an international angle today following a stout denial by the Chinese Embassy of a statement by the counterfeiter's leader that the bogus dollar notes manufactured were intended for payment of Chiang Kai-shek's troops.

The statement, made by Antonio Pineda, 40-year-old self-confessed organizer of the counterfeiting gang, was termed utterly fantastic by a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy.

Pineda claimed his operations started with a deal with Nationalist agent; who wanted to buy \$500,000 for the Nationalist troops.

The Embassy spokesman said there was no truth whatsoever to this part of Pineda's confession.

A police captain discounted Pineda's claim of an alleged contract with Nationalist agents. The police have not entirely dropped, however, the theory that bogus dollar notes may have been produced at least in part for export abroad.

An unconfirmed rumour said a local banker had purchased \$200,000 worth of bogus \$50 bills with the intention of smuggling them to dollar-hungry South East Asian countries, including Indonesia.

Pineda and his companions were allowed provisional liberty after each had posted \$5,000 bail.

The police are looking deeper into suspected connections between the counterfeiter and an American dentist, Edward Jensen, aged 32, formerly of Ogden, Utah, whose arrest last week led to raids on forgers' hideouts and the seizure of more than \$4,000 worth of bogus \$50 notes and printing paraphernalia last night.

Jensen, who was allegedly found with forged \$50 bills in his possession, was charged with counterfeiting, illegal possession of firearms and theft of other firearms. There are indications that Jensen had acquired the forged notes from the Pineda gang. Pineda is reported to have received two cheques on American banks which were found to be non-existent. The cheques were presumably paid to Pineda in exchange for counterfeit notes.—United Press.

Marseilles, March 21. Dock workers clashed with police here today shortly after taking a vote to go on with their strike against the war in Vietnam. Several of the dockers were arrested.—Reuters.



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# LIE'S 20-YEAR PEACE PLAN

## Hong Kong textiles raised in Commons

London, March 21. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told Parliament today that any suggestion that protective duties or quotas should be imposed against the British colonies would have far-reaching implications indeed. He was replying to Mr. Stanley Prescott, Conservative Member for the Darwen Division of Lancashire, who had asked what the Government's future policy was towards imports of finished textile goods from Hong Kong.

## MONEY BILL IN CONGRESS

Washington, March 21. A \$29,045,030,164 appropriation bill, covering the major expenses of running the United States Government next year, went to Congressmen today.

As approved by the House Appropriations Committee, the measure carries about \$1,500,000,000 less than President Harry Truman asked in his budget message for the next fiscal year which begins July 1. But Republicans say they are going to knock off another billion dollars or more when the bill comes before the House for consideration next week.

Their strategy will be to move to send it back to the Committee with instructions to cut out non-essential expenditures.

The bill is the first one-packer approach to the appropriation problem in modern history. It contains funds for almost all activities of the Federal Government except Marshall Aid and fixed charges.

The Appropriations Committee called for a cut of almost eight per cent in State Department funds but said the Voice of America radio broadcasts should be left intact.

The heaviest cut was made in the State Department's building fund and its international information and education programme which includes the radio broadcasts to counter Russia's propaganda abroad.

The Appropriations outlay represents a cost of \$200 for each American.

The House of Representatives will debate the bill next week. Foreign aid and military assistance funds were not included in the bill. They represent an outlay of \$11,592,331,053.—Associated Press.

## MOLOTOV TAKING MORE POWER

Berlin, March 21. Russia's former Foreign Minister, M. Vyshinsky, has assumed almost all the executive powers in the Soviet Union to spare the strength of the aging Stalin, Soviet Colonel Nikita Khrushchev, said last night, according to the West German news agency, DPA.

The Colonel was addressing a Communist audience in East Berlin. Marshal Stalin is 70.

It was just over a year ago that Moscow Radio announced that M. Molotov had been released from his duties as Foreign Minister and had been succeeded by M. Andre Vyshinsky.

Speculation centred round the suggestion that the dismissal was a concealed promotion, and that M. Molotov had been given overall charge of co-ordinating the industrial and military potential of Russia and Eastern Europe.—Reuter.

## ILLEGAL CHINESE IMMIGRANTS IN AUSTRALIA

Brisbane, March 22. The master and agents of the Hindustan Shipping Company's 5,532-ton steamer Hindustan were fined \$2,000 here today for bringing prohibited Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong.

The Chinese were found by customs officers when the ship arrived on February 21.—Reuter.

# First steps should be taken now U.S.-SOVIET TENSION

Washington, March 21. The United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, last night proposed a 20-year programme to win peace between Russia and the United States. He urged that the first steps be taken without delay.

Mr. Lie declared: "It will take a long series of steps to reduce the tensions of conflict and bring the great powers together. I do not believe in political miracles. Equally, I do not think the world can safely delay taking the first steps on this road of negotiation and conciliation."

"I do not mean by negotiations surrender or appeasement by either side. I mean negotiations which imply honest give-and-take by both sides."

"I have been encouraged by recent re-affirmations from two of the leading great powers, the United States and the Soviet Union, about possibilities of a peaceful co-existence between them, and between the different economic and political systems they represent."

"The United Nations was founded upon that belief, and the hope of world peace depends upon its validity. What we need, what the world needs, is a 20-year programme to win peace through the United Nations."

Mr. Lie said: "I have been trying to help member governments settle the question of who is to represent China."

"I am not doing this because the Soviet Union and its neighbours have refused to attend meetings at which China is represented by Nationalist delegates."

"I have never thought that walking out of meetings and staying away from meetings was a good way to settle differences of opinion."

**Serious matter**

Pointing out that 24 governments, including 13 United Nations members, have recognised the Peking Government, Mr. Lie said: "It is a serious matter to have the Soviet Union staying away from United Nations meetings, but that is not the first consideration."

"The first consideration is the people of China. There are 450,000,000 people in that country—the greatest in the world and in

the United Nations, in terms of population alone.

"The 450,000,000 people of China are collectively original members of the United Nations by the terms of the Charter itself."

"They have the right to be represented in the United Nations, whatever government has the power to employ the resources and direct the people of the State in fulfilment of the obligations of membership in the United Nations. I repeat—whatever government is thus qualified, regardless of its ideology."

**British efforts**

In London, the Foreign Office confirmed today that Britain is trying to win a majority voting strength of the Security Council to admit Communist China to the United Nations.

On Monday, a British spokesman at Lake Success said that efforts to bring three Council members—Cuba, Egypt and Ecuador—to support the seating of the Chinese Communists had met with failure.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that the British negotiations constituted a commonsense way to end the present deadlock. Russia and four of her satellites are boycotting UN bodies because of the failure to expel the Chinese Nationalists and seat the Communists.

The United States has opposed Soviet demands for seating the Chinese Communists.

The British negotiations, however, were undertaken by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who apparently believes he has the allent consent of the United States to try to settle the deadlock.

# Taipeh forecast of more landing operations

Taipeh, March 21. The Chinese Nationalists said today that their first raid on the Communist mainland was over and boasted that it was but the overture for larger operations to come.

A Navy spokesman said that part of the landing force which went ashore 200 miles South of Shanghai had withdrawn.

The remainder joined Nationalist guerrillas who had helped them ashore on March 15.

(It was not clear whether Sunghien, the coastal town seized, had been abandoned to the Communists. It still might be held by Nationalist guerrillas.)

The spokesman said the Sunghien operation had proved its worth by showing the Nationalists could get a mainland foothold any time they want it, raising the morale of Nationalist guerrillas and proving that co-operation between the Army, Navy and Air Force was effective.

Aggressive moves by the Nationalists are freely predicted, but none knew where the next blow will fall. The recently activated Joint Chiefs of Staff is a clear indication that new amphibious operations are in the making.

Air Force headquarters said Monday's raid on Shanghai was carried out by a strong fleet of planes. The war planes were over the city for more than 50 minutes.

Heavy damage was claimed along the waterfront area at Lungchow, the old International air field South of Shanghai.

**Blockade's effect**

Meanwhile, in Washington the Commerce Department said today that the Nationalist blockade of the China coast plus the Communist's lack of foreign exchange, "causing an acute shortage of raw cotton in China."

Further causes of the shortage were listed as disruption of com-

munications, cotton acreage being converted to food production and declining profits in the textile industry.

China is expected to produce 1,700,000 bales during the year ending in July, the Department said. This is one of the smallest Chinese crops in years and less than half of the quantity produced in 1936.

Supplies in eight can hardly maintain cotton mill operation at more than 45 per cent of last year's level before the new crop becomes available next October, it was estimated.

The Department said there were only 600,000 bales available to mills last December to run them through the remainder of the season.

The Communists were said to hope to import about 700,000 bales to maintain the present level of mill operation.

Only 60,000 bales of American cotton have reached China this year.—Associated Press.

## NORWAY'S ENVOY IN PEKING

San Francisco, March 21. M. Pien Koen, Norway's representative for talks with the Central People's Government of China on the matter of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries, has arrived in Peking, a Chinese Communist broadcast said tonight.

Mr. Koen arrived in the Communist capital by train this morning and was met by Mr. Han Hui, Chief of the Protocol Office of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

## INDIAN TRADE IN GIBRALTAR

London, March 21. A delegation of Indian merchants from Gibraltar arrived here this morning to protest to Mr. Krishna Menon, Indian High Commissioner in London, that they are being squeezed out of trade in the fortress colony.

They complain that the Gibraltar Aliens Traders Ordinance has been administered harshly in recent years.

The delegation, from the Indian Merchants Association, is composed of two of the leading Indian merchants in Gibraltar, Mr. Balaram Dadas and Mr. Lalchand Mukhi, who are accompanied by their legal adviser.—Reuter.

## U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO SAIGON

Washington, March 21. The U.S. State Department today described the visit to Saigon of two American destroyers, whose presence there brought on riots, as a routine goodwill affair.

The Navy in December submitted a list of ports for visits by ships of the U.S. After the United States recognised Bao Dai's Vietnamese Republic on February 6, the Department approved the Saigon visit as useful for showing American approval of French action against the creation of Vietnam.

France had not requested the visit, but only approved it in a routine manner.—Associated Press.

# Britain developing new air weapons

London, March 21. Britain is developing "air to air" guided missiles which will enable fighter planes to destroy bombs at long range.

The Air Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, who disclosed this new stage in Britain's air defence in Parliament today, also announced the development of advanced jet fighters with speeds well over 600 miles an hour and a new and improved type of jet night fighter.

These fighters, able to fly at extreme heights, are to follow the new jet fighter, the Venom, which Royal Air Force squadrons will be using next year.

All Britain's day fighter and ground attack squadrons overseas are now re-equipped with jet aircraft, except three squadrons in the Far East, Mr. Henderson said.

Mr. Henderson said that all the jet night fighters, now being fitted with up-to-date radar and radar aids, would also be able to fight by day in weather that would ground day fighters. They would, therefore, play a vital part in defence by day and night.

Mr. Henderson disclosed that scientists are working on a new advance "air-to-air" guided missile. Fighter planes, keeping out of range of the enemy's guns, could direct this new weapon against the modern bomber.

Mr. Henderson, who was opening a debate on the Estimates for next year's Royal Air Force programme, said that £223,000,000 will be spent in the year. This is an increase of £5,500,000 on last year.

Recruiting, he said, is on the whole unsatisfactory and the general level of experience in the Service will further decline un-

## RADIO

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**P.M.**  
12.10—Broadcast For Schools—Great Children—"Florence Nightingale"—By Honor Wyatt. (BBCFS)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.32—Light Varieties with John Kirby and His Orchestra.

1.00—Alfred Campbell and His Orchestra.

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"From the Shows".

2.00—"Close Down".

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"Take It From Here"—A Variety Programme with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBCFS)

6.30—La Demi-Heure Française. (Studio)

7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15—Sports Review by Bill Phillips. (Studio)

7.30—Speech by H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth, from the Banquet Given by the Lord Mayor. (London Relay)

8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10—"Hong Kong Band Call"—Lat Hest Royal Leinster Regiment. Introduced by Captain David Jones. (Relay from 9 Dragons Club, Kowloon)

8.40—"At the Opera"—"Madame Butterfly" Act 2. (Puccini) With the Principal Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Rome. Cond. by Oliviero de Fabritis.

9.30—"The London Promenade Orchestra." (London Relay)

10.00—"Radio New Recs." (London Relay)

10.15—Weather Report.

10.16—"Book Talk" by Allen Dekker. (Studio)

10.30—"Thursday Promenade"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Brown.

11.00—"Soft Licks and Sweet Music".

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay)

11.30—"God Save the King."

11.30—"Close Down."

**A.M.**  
7.00—Up With The Sun.  
7.15—Setting Exercises.  
7.30—Music: Clock.  
7.45—P.M. A. Keller Show.  
8.00—News and Weather Forecast.  
8.15—Light Symphonies selections.  
8.30—Morning Music.  
8.30—Concert A. Kyriell.  
9.00—Music For All.  
10.00—The Four Seasons.  
11.15—Waltz Time.  
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.  
**P.M.**  
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.  
12.10—B.B.C. School Broadcast.  
12.25—From The Films.  
1.00—Light Variety.  
1.15—News.  
1.30—Orchestra Of The Week.  
2.00—Variety: Cello The Tune.  
4.00—"The Novelties Trio".  
4.15—"Vocal It Yours".  
4.30—"Music Makers".  
4.45—"Children's Corner".  
5.00—"Movie Time".  
5.15—"Music by Paul Weston".  
5.30—"Radio The Melody".  
5.45—"Norman's Chatter and his Memorable Music".  
6.00—B.B.C. News.  
6.15—"Local News".  
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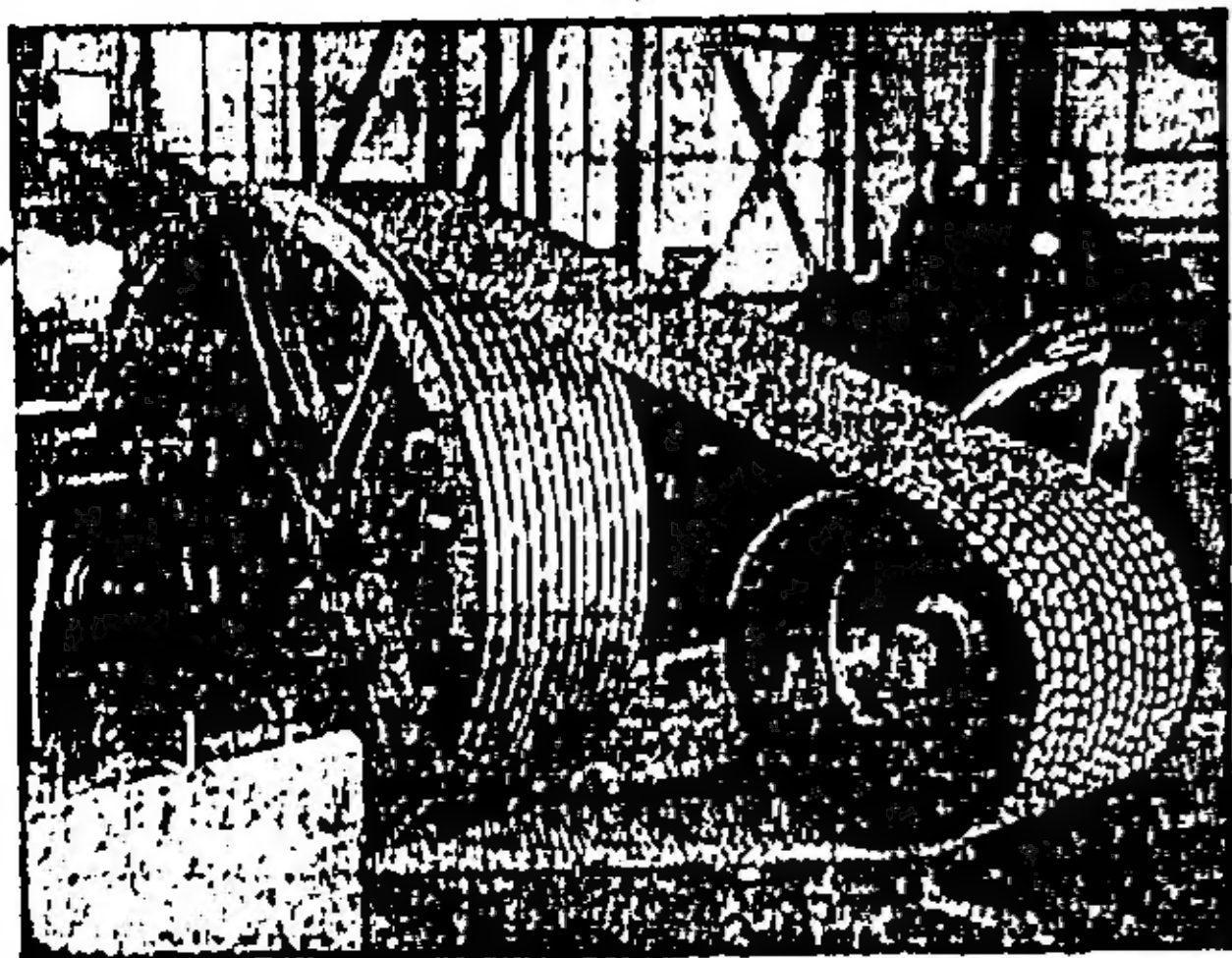
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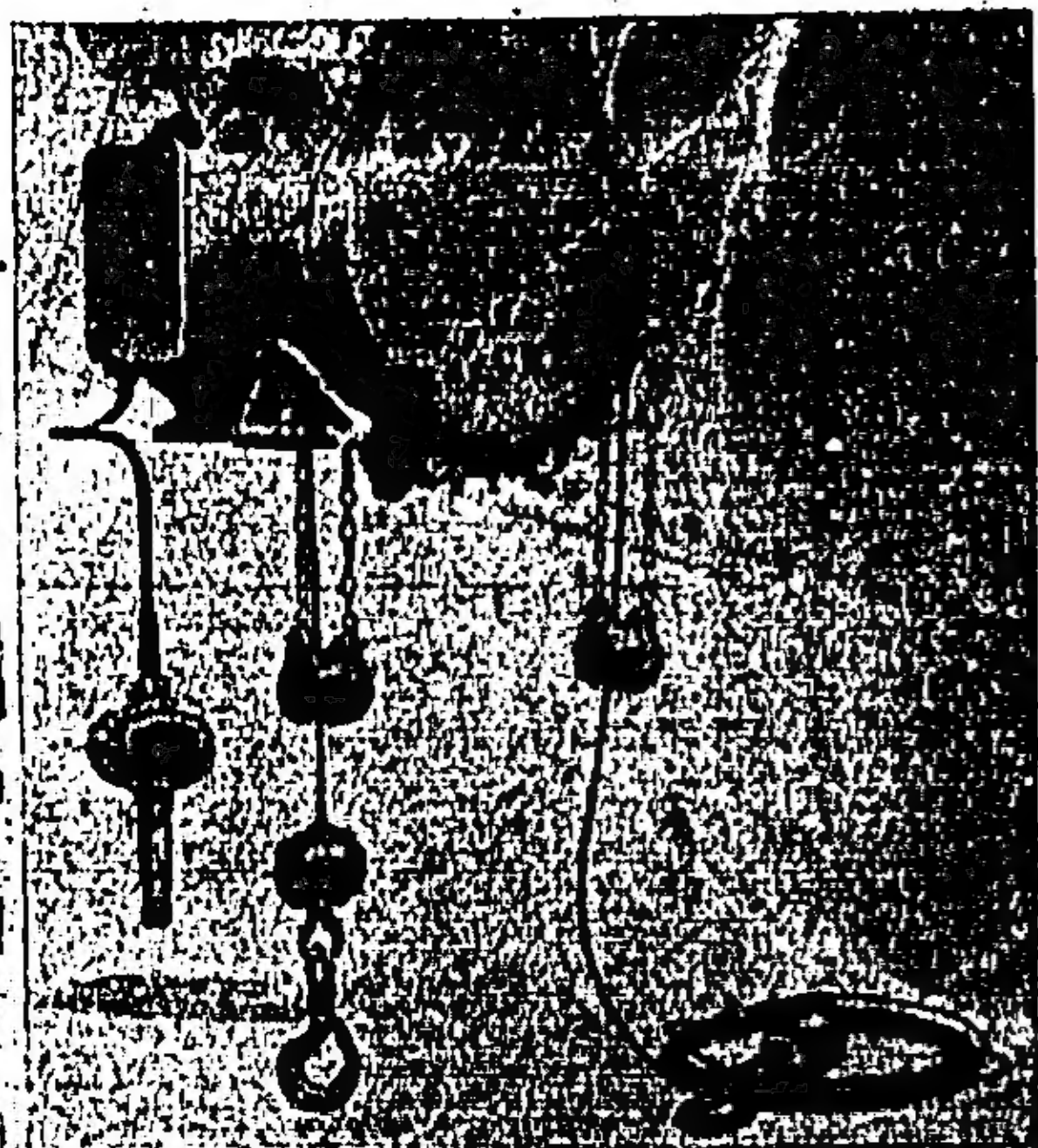
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# ENGINEERING PAGE

## Wolf heavy duty drill types

To meet the many requests from users, Wolf Electric Tools Ltd., have added Heavy Duty Drilling Machines of 1" and 1½" capacity to their range.

These tools are worthy additions to the super duty range of "Wolf" electric drilling machines and further examples of the "Wolf" modern development in the direction of power-weight efficiency. Special attention has been paid to gear strength and bearing capacity in view of the power and torque required for drilling 1" and 1½" holes in steel.

The drill spindles (bored No. 3 M. T.) are mounted in three bearings designed to take radial and drilling thrust load. Drill Spindles are available in two types, one for bench work and one as a girder clamp. Full details of these new drills can be obtained from Wolf Electric Tools Ltd., Hanger Lane, Ealing, London, W. 5.

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Spindle speed running light 300	270	270
Spindle speed on full load 230	160	160
Watts input running light 350	350	350
Watts input on full load ... 1150	1150	1150
Over Length ... 20"	20"	20"
Distance from cen- of spindle to outer casing ... 2"	2"	2"
Nett Weight ... 28½ lbs.	28½ lbs.	28½ lbs.

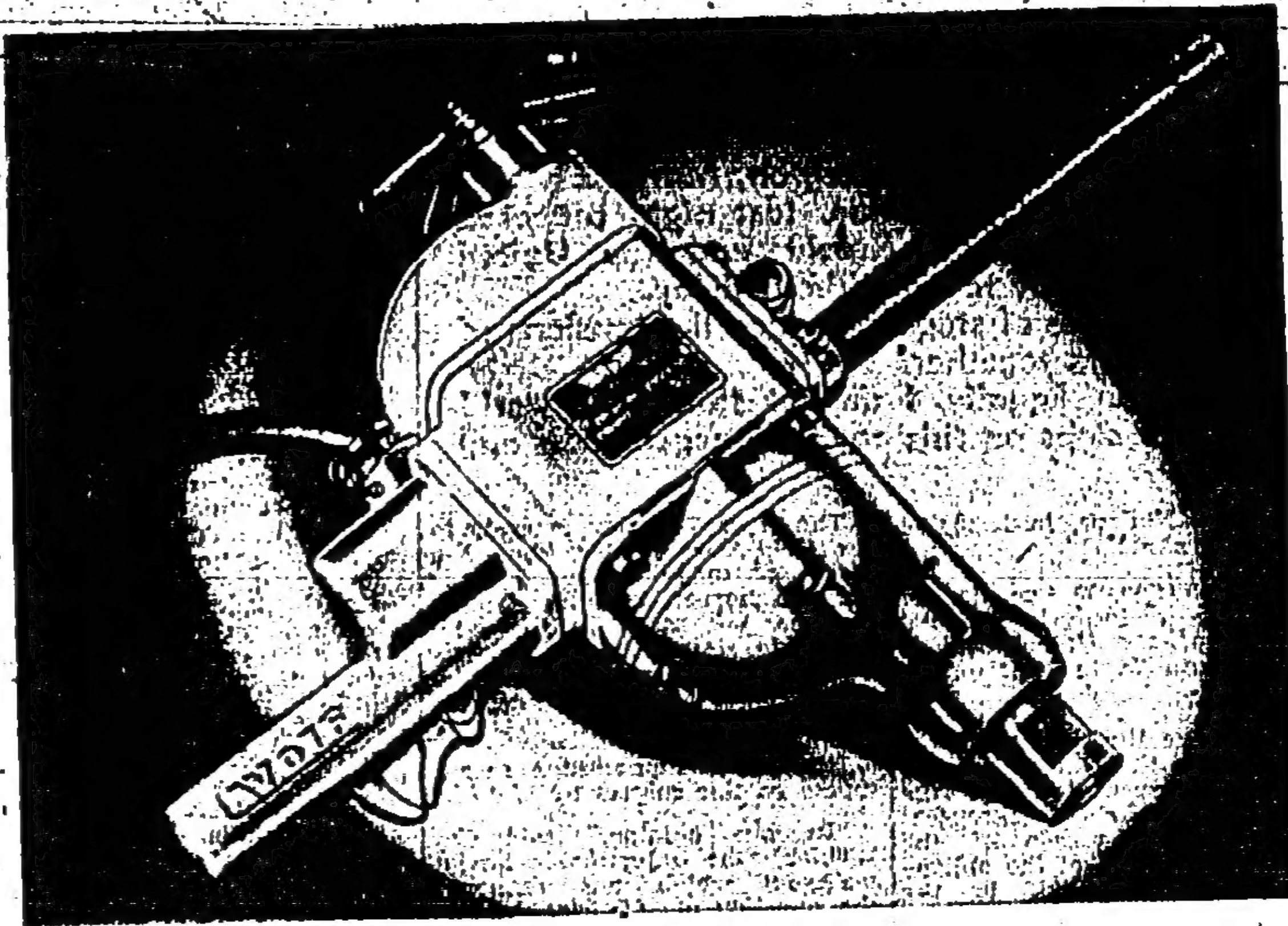
### Electric solderguns

A new introduction by Wolf is a range of electric solderguns which they claim will overcome hitherto common criticism of this type of equipment.

Industrial soldering requirements have long called for soldering tools which will reach operating temperature quickly, will maintain a correct constant heat, prove economical in current consumption and are "easy in the hand" for long production periods. Particular attention is directed to the off-straight hand grip which lends to much more comfortable control. By ingenious arrangement within the heating element, the heat is localised around the copper bit and with the elimination of wasted heat areas, considerable economy in current consumption has been effected.

At the same time tendency towards excessive temperature rise is avoided and this in turn prolongs heating element life and saves oxidation of the copper bits. Wolf solderguns can be supplied for the following voltages: 24, 50, 100/110, 115/130, 200/220, 225/250, and each Gun is fitted with six feet of 3-core cable.

Models are available for a wide range of purposes from fine instrument to heavy duty work. Full details obtainable from Wolf Electric Tools Ltd., Pioneer Works, Hanger Lane, Ealing, London, W. 5.



HEAVY DUTY DRILL

## IMPORTANCE OF SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN

The scientific resources of the world are being focussed on the problem of soil conservation in British Colonial territories to a greater extent than ever before.

As a contribution to this problem new inventions in agricultural equipment are being developed in Britain.

Two of the latest are an earth leveller or blade terracer and a mounted disc plough. After extensive trials at home and in many parts of the world, these new pieces of equipment have been added to the system of farm mechanisation being developed by the Ferguson Company of Coventry whose 251,000,000 dollar legal battle with Ford's in America has recently made world headline news.

Both implements have wide applications abroad and are designed to play a significant part in the development of Colonial agriculture. An important feature common to both is that they facilitate good farming in areas which are handicapped by awkward terrain and extreme climatic conditions.

Movement of earth has always been one of the costliest jobs in farming. With the Ferguson earth leveller soil can be moved for building, grading, road-making, surface drainage, or back filling trenches, almost as easily as in ploughing.

### Steel leveller

The leveller is of steel construction. It is designed for one-minute mounting by a three-point linkage which gives finger-tip control from a hydraulic unit of the tractor. There is only one point of lubrication and the hard-wearing alloy steel blade can be replaced merely by the removal of five bolts. The angle of the blade can be quickly set at one of nine positions by manual lever.

Maximum angle in either direction is 45°, while the blade may

be tilted from level to 12½°. Change of pitch which governs depth control is obtained by precision control mechanism on the top link. The leveller can also effect big savings in cleaning barns and yards. In the British Isles its cost is only £22.

Overseas, the leveller has been found ideal for building contour terraces which have become the standard practice in soil conservation. The terraces, built along contours, interrupt the downward flow of water and conduct it gently along the contour, thereby preventing rapid run-off.

This not only prevents the washing away of top soil, but also ensures that most of the water is absorbed into the soil and is available to subsequent crops. In some areas, the cost of terracing has been reduced by over a third following the use of the Ferguson Earth Leveller.

### Applications

Important applications of this leveller include building, grading and maintaining farm roads; digging surface drains; filling tile drain ditches; cleaning barns and yards; filling low spots or paring high spots in fields; moving earth to and from fruit trees or vines; digging trench sides; building fire breaks to control forest fires; digging and cleaning irrigation ditches; and water spreading by building dams and dykes. Its shipping weight is approximately 320 lbs.

The Disc Plough has been primarily designed for overseas conditions where hard or extremely sticky land has to be ploughed. The special tubular lightweight frame, coupled with the famous Ferguson three-point linkage, permits an ease of handling never before possible, and for spring ploughing and cross ploughing the plough is an ideal basic tillage implement.

It has been tested in tropical overseas territory, has been proved

of outstanding success under a very wide range of soil conditions, and has been used for burying crop residues from sugar and maize.

The flexibility of this new invention is shown by the fact that the plough is available with two or three discs which can be raised or lowered hydraulically from the tractor seat.

## MARINE GAS TURBINES

Following the successful adaptation of gas-turbine units for the propulsion of a motor gunboat, the Admiralty has decided to extend its study of the gas-turbine power field by placing a contract with W. H. Allen, Sons, and Co., Ltd., of Bedford, for the construction of a 1,000-kW. gas turbine and generator designed for powering the auxiliary services aboard ship, including lighting, heating, and the operation of winches.

The new set, which is being designed in collaboration with the Bristol Aeroplane Co., will consist of an axial compressor of 4:1 pressure ratio, delivering to an annular-type heat exchanger, a compressor turbine and a free power turbine. The generator will be driven through epicyclic reduction gearing. The performance rating of the unit will be a maximum continuous rating of 1,000kW, with a 10-min. rating of 1,200kW, an estimated consumption of diesel oil as fuel of only 1.07lb./kW.-hr. at full load, a maximum gas temperature of 720deg. C., an operating life of 50,000 hr., with major overhaul periods of 5,000 hr., and minor overhaul periods of 1,000 hr.

The set will be capable of operation in both temperate and tropical conditions. It is expected that the set will be ready for trials in about a year.

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Specialty flown from Rome to London in the De Havilland four-jet Comet airliner, this Associated Press photo shows Pope Pius XII on his way from the Vatican private apartments to the Consistory Hall for secret and semi-public consistories for five Holy Year canonizations. With His Holiness is Monsignor Enrico Dante, Prefect of the Vatican Ceremonial Staff for the Religious Ceremonies. They are preceded by helmeted Noble Guards. (AP Photo).

### HK MAN'S VIEWS:

## INDIA AND PAKISTAN VERY NEAR TO WAR

Disturbed relations between India and Pakistan, following the recent communal disturbances, have brought the threat of war very near. That is the opinion of Mr. Victor Mamak, Hong Kong businessman now on leave in New Delhi, as expressed in a letter to the "China Mail."

Mr. Mamak, who spent two months investigating the causes of the present strife, is convinced that India does not want war with Pakistan and will avoid an armed clash as much as possible. But Pakistan has shown no desire to co-operate with its neighbour, he claims, and but for Prime Minister Nehru's timely intervention in West Bengal, the recent riots in that area would have produced very serious repercussions.

While Mr. Mamak denies that the situation has produced chaos and confusion in the industrial outlook of India, he says that serious dislocation was indeed caused in the economies of the two Dominions as a direct result of partition.

India was an economic unit before partition. The jute and cotton producing areas were even distributed in the provinces and states and were linked together by rail and road," he writes.

"A single economic entity was uneconomically divided into two units. A certain percentage of technical personnel migrated from one Dominion to the other, and contributed to a certain amount of industrial dislocation."

**Efforts for Pact**  
Mr. Mamak says that during the last two years India made every conceivable effort to arrive at a comprehensive trade agreement with Pakistan. But at every stage Pakistan put obstacles in the way, and refused to honour several agreements, which she had formerly entered into with India.

The last of these agreements was signed in Karachi on June 24, 1949. Under this agreement, Pakistan agreed to make available to India 400 million bales of raw jute and 450,000 bales of raw cotton. India agreed to supply 80,000 tons of iron and steel. She not only met the requirements of Pakistan, in spite of her own dependence on imports from hard currency areas, but also stepped up her export of coal to the Muslim state.

Mr. Mamak attaches considerable importance to Pakistan's refusal to devalue her rupee after the British Commonwealth general devaluation undertaken last September.

She ignored the original parity with sterling in terms of which all settlements of foreign exchange were made between India and Pakistan, he said. Pakistan had fixed a minimum selling price. The Dominion made its rupee inconvertible, and thus overvalued her currency against sterling and the Indian rupee to the detriment of Indian-Pakistan commercial and trade relations.

"Pakistan raw jute immediately became far more expensive than Indian jute, especially after Pakistan had fixed a minimum selling price. The Dominion made it illegal for any person to exchange Pakistan rupees for Indian rupees except at the rate of exchange notified by her."

"These measures had the effect of nullifying Indo-Pakistan trade. Not only was any fresh purchase of raw jute made impossible, but out of 1,200,000 bales which had been purchased by Indian mills before devaluation, 500,000 bales which had still to come to India were held up by Pakistan."

"Even jute from Assam, in transit through Pakistan to India, was stopped."

Mr. Mamak says it became evident after these actions that Pakistan was deliberately forcing India to accept her exchange rate, even though it had not been accepted by the International Monetary Fund. It became clear to industrialists in India that apart from obtaining supplies of coal from India, Pakistan had little intention of allowing any other trade to take place between the two countries.

"In these circumstances," he explains the Government of India had no option but to stop the supply of coal to Pakistan. In so doing, however, it made clear that these supplies would be resumed once trade between the two states returned to normal."

Mr. Mamak says that India had anticipated some such impasse and had adopted measures to step up her own jute production which had shot up from 160,000 bales in 1948 to 280,000 bales in 1949. The expected production for this year is 500,000 bales.

India is not dependent on Pakistan cotton for her textile production. Her own production has risen from 230,000 bales in 1948 to 280,000 bales. For the first half of this year the Government has already allocated foreign exchange for the import of 100,000 bales from various countries. Provisions for more foreign exchange for the second half have also been made.

"Increase of cotton production as the long-term solution to fill in the gap of nearly 1,000,000 bales between India and requirements is under consideration."

"Therefore, not only the jute and cotton mills in India have been and are still functioning as usual, but there is absolutely no danger of their closure in the foreseeable future," said Mr. Mamak.

**Trade balance**  
Mr. Mamak claims that devaluation has not adversely affected India's export trade. In fact, the result is the contrary.

"During the months of November and December 1949, India had a favourable balance of trade. During these two months India's exports stood at the record level of 50 crores in October. For exports did very well throughout the year. The increase in the export of cotton piece goods was undoubtedly helped by devaluation. The export of commodities which found a market in Pakistan has already been diverted to other countries," he says.

There is no danger of communism in India. The Communist Party in India is almost insignificant, but a war between India and Pakistan would undoubtedly strengthen the hands of the present Indian Communist Party and it would ultimately dominate all others," he said.

Touching on India's current relations with foreigners in the country, Mr. Mamak writes that there is absolutely no anti-foreign feeling in India. "Foreigners, especially Britons, are treated with the traditional Indian courtesy and politeness. 'Freedom from Foreign Rule' has not created any arrogance or false pride in the Indians. It has simply restored their dignity and self-respect, which is the natural heritage of all human beings."

## The first of six articles on:

# The Chinese Revolution

Why has the British Government, at a time of economic crisis, sent a large defence force to Hong Kong? The island of Hong Kong is a pleasant place with beautiful scenery; yet that is clearly not the reason why the Government is making so great an effort to safeguard it.

For a 100 years Hong Kong has been the British trading post ideally situated for commerce with China—though at times much of its trade has been deflected away to Shanghai. Great fortunes have been made at Hong Kong. Yet this also is not the reason why the Labour Government has sent soldiers to defend it. It is doubtful how much the wealth of Hong Kong actually helps the British home economy, on which the burden of this defence must ultimately fall.

Nor is it entirely true that the reason for defending Hong Kong is because it is a part of the British Commonwealth. Certainly the Commonwealth cannot be attacked with impunity, but there had not been eighty reasons for our remaining in Hong Kong. It might have been cheaper and easier simply to hand it over to the Chinese Government.

Why, then, is such a large armed force kept here?

The answer lies deep in the history of our times, of British history, and of Chinese history. A great philosophy, once said that the truest friend of man was that he understood why he was doing things, and that he understood why things were being done to him. Anybody who finds himself in the Hong Kong Defence Force has been caught up by, and is playing a part in, a very great historical drama of our time.

### Background of history

The difficult thing is to see it as a whole in all its complexity and to grasp the significance for the whole in each small individual part.

Yet it is well worth while making the effort of seeing ourselves against the background of history. To do this the need is to delve into the history of the Chinese revolution. The next three or four articles will try to sketch the picture in its broad outline.

Revolution has been going on for a long while in China. Because for the last century China has been very weak we are apt to forget what a great country it is. The Chinese are the largest nation in the world. One in every five people in the world is a Chinese. Some historians think that the Chinese have had the most advanced civilisation of any people, since while other nations have had their ups and downs, the Chinese have maintained a very high level of civilisation continuing for more than 2,000 years.

China is a huge land mass and the great majority of its people have been peasants. Large empires populated chiefly by peasants have always developed civilisations different from those of island countries, such as Britain, where the civilisation has been a commercial one. The countries with which China has to be compared are the other land empires—Russia, Germany, and India.

But as a land empire China developed one peculiarity which was different from all other land empires known in history. From a very early period China organized a modern type of Civil Service. Government was not carried on by nobles or soldiers. The Emperor governed through a professional Civil Service which

was recruited by examination in Chinese philosophical literature. The Civil Service was elaborately organized in ranks and grades. Civil Service regulations governed the whole life of the State. Because this Civil Service existed it was possible for China to construct and maintain the vast

By Windrush.

systems of irrigation which were not possible in a country like pre-British India, where the professional Civil Service did not exist.

### The dynasties

This, roughly speaking, is how the vast Empire of China was governed from the time of the Tang Dynasty, which flourished at about the same time as our King Alfred the Great. At the summit of the system was the Emperor, the Son of Heaven, living in the Forbidden City at Peking. In every province was his Viceroy. In each district there was a Prefect. In calm times governed their own country, in the world before the 19th Century. But times were not always calm.

There have been many Chinese Dynasties. The main ones were the Han, Tang, Sung, Yuan, Ming, and the last one—the Qing, or Manchu. On the average, Dynasties lasted two or three hundred years. Ultimately, they fell.

There would be a period of chaos. After that a new Dynasty would rise. Historians today, looking behind the pageant of the rise and fall of Dynasties, think that they can perceive the cause. The reason for this rhythm

was rebellion by archaic and obsolete Chinese life. The population, particularly in the south, was too dense for the land available for cultivation. When it had to the landlords were able to charge excessive rents and there were also large numbers of landless labourers. The position of the tenants and the labourers finally became desperate and they rose in revolt. Their first revolts were usually suppressed fairly easily, but rebellions continued to break out until the Dynasty fell.

During the period of disorder which would follow this collapse, corrective forces came into play. Political disorder, produced famine, this and pestilence, and battle gradually reduced the population. The tension in Chinese Society would diminish. And in the end it would be possible for a new Government to establish itself and restore order. The cycle of Chinese history would then repeat itself.

It was in a population crisis of this kind that the last Dynasty, the Manchu one, collapsed. The end of the Manchu was more complicated than that of earlier Dynasties because, in addition to the troubles brought about by over-population, China, in the 19th Century, ran into new troubles by coming into contact with the West countries. This caused profound changes in Chinese Society and Chinese psychology, though the change only came about very slowly. The upshot of this complication was that the Manchu Dynasty took an abnormally long time dying, because it was for a time supported by Western aid. It collapsed finally in 1911. Its fall began the revolution which produced first the Kuomintang Government, and now the Communist Government which has just come into power.

(To be continued.)

## Mud into hard Road

America—as inventive as always—has discovered how to turn mud, even the most clogging mud, into a hard reliable surface in a matter of hours.

That fold bogging down the most powerful tractor... that lane ankle deep in clutching mire... even that stretch of sand left glazed by water by the receding tide—all can be transformed into a surface ready to take the heaviest road traffic merely by the rapid application of chemicals.

Explaining the "drying-out" process in more detail, Ray Murray describes how chemists and engineers of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, after three years' research, have perfected a chemical treatment having much the same action as that which takes place in manufacturing synthetic rubber. Once the chemical is applied, soil which was previously 40 per cent water, becomes as hard as rubber.

In five hours the surface can take the weight of a standard heavy American car. In a week, it develops the strength of concrete. Experimenting with a "treated" mud surface, the scientists dropped a 16-pound ball from a height of seven feet. The ball merely bounced off causing no damage at all.

This doesn't seem, however, that your rain-soaked lawn can be dried out for tennis and basketball in the middle of winter. The cost of the drying chemical is—at present—too high to be able to be put on the civilian market.

## Nazis hide in S. America

What happened to the scores of Nazi leaders of war-time Germany who disappeared without any trace of their death, or whereabouts at the end of the war?

The answer, as far as a good number of them are concerned at any rate, is that they fled to South America, where they are still in hiding.

Proof of this came recently when the mother-in-law of a former Nazi Gauleiter stated before the Austrian Peoples' Court, that the former Nazi "boss" had fled with his family to South America as late as the autumn of 1948.

"The Court believed that this, and other evidence given, indicated that other top Nazis wanted badly for war crimes in Germany and Austria, may also have gone 'underground' in the same country."

The most wanted man is the SS Colonel Skorzeny—the spectacular rescuer of—Mussolini. Would-be kidnapper of General Eisenhower and the man responsible for the savage murder of a group of American prisoners during the last winter of the war.

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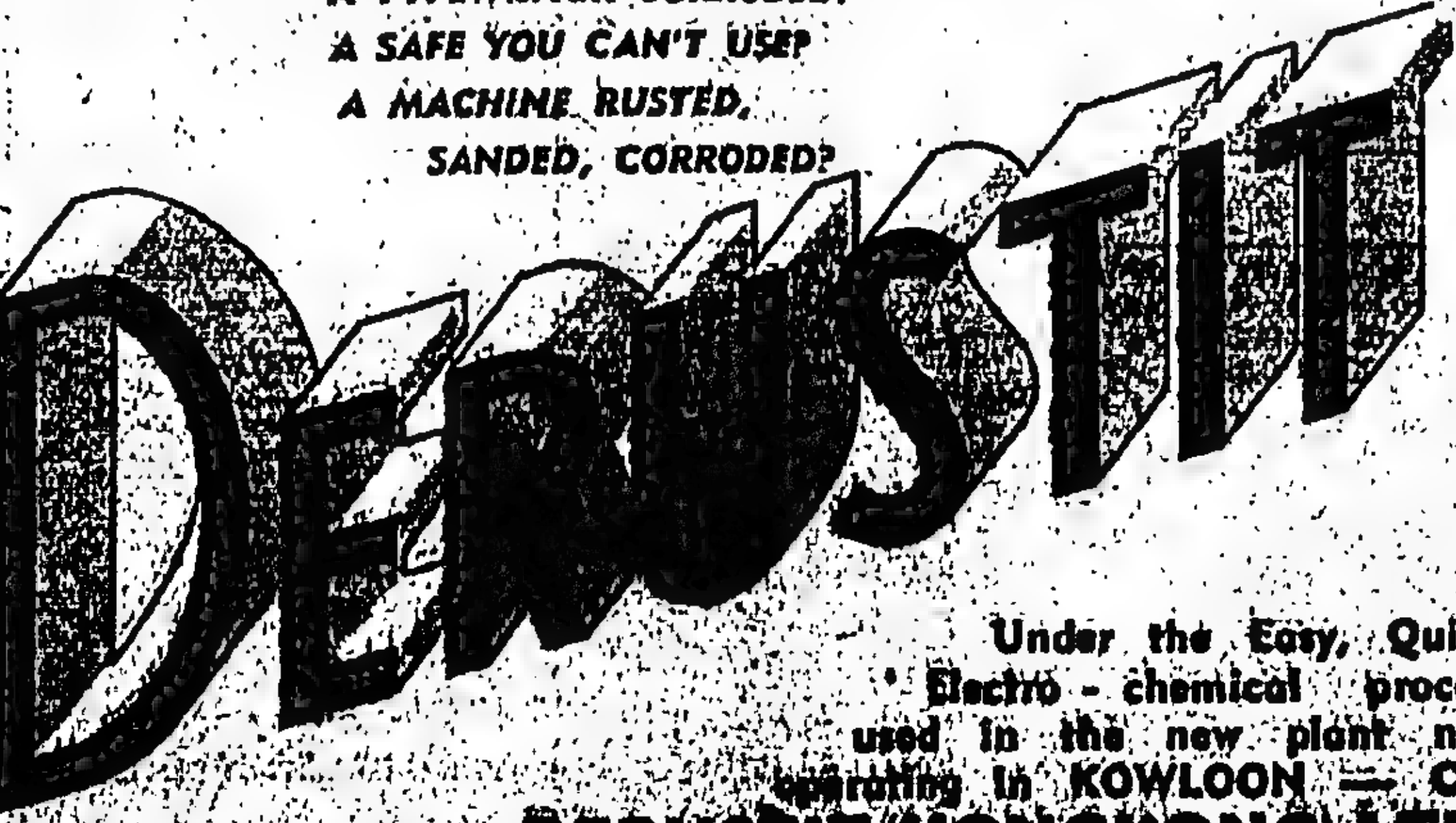
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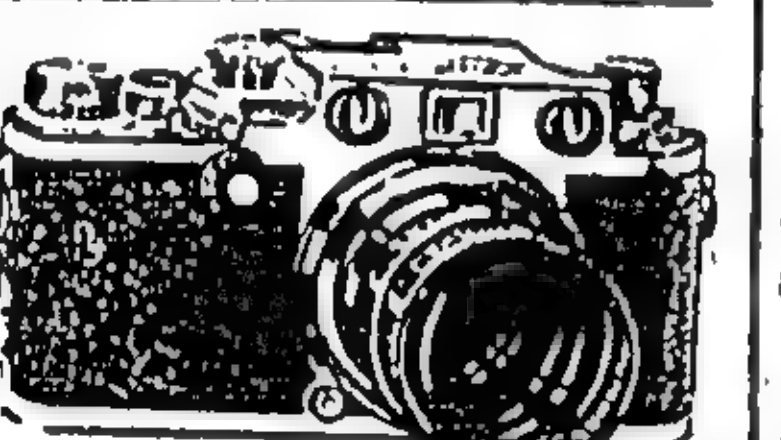
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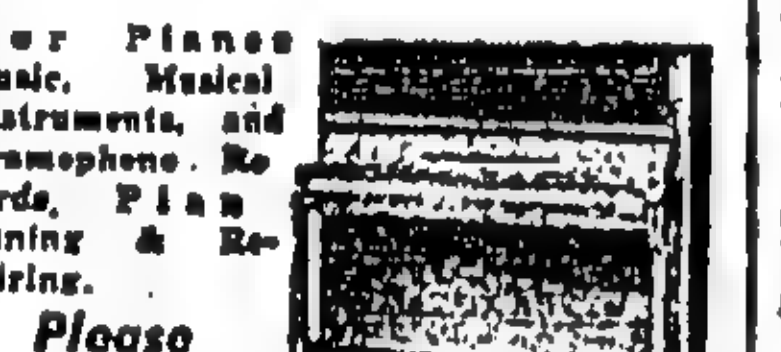
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## Desmond gives up



Suddenly scared, young Desmond Browne, great grandson  
of Lord Beaconsfield, turns aside for consolation while little  
Sarah Ponsonby, Lord Beaconsfield's great-niece, presents her  
bouquet to Madame Vincent Auriol, wife of the French Presi-  
dent, at a Franco-British Society reception for the visiting  
couple in London's Burlington House. (AP Photo).

## HK Biological Circle make field excursion

The Hong Kong Biological Circle made an ener-  
getic and productive field excursion up the  
Fung Yuen valley on Sunday.

Specialists in most of the aspects of biology were  
present to observe and comment on the nat-  
ural phenomena encountered.

The quiet valley was found to  
have much of the charm of  
an English scene in springtime.

Near the sea shore at the en-  
trance of the valley a rare but-  
terfly was seen. This was  
Hippolytia bolina, a beautiful  
purple to black insect with six  
small white spots on the upper  
surface.

Among the paddy fields many  
specimens of the red peacock  
outlet, Precis almana were  
found settling with their wings  
spread and a few specimens of  
the closely allied species, Precis  
lemonias were also present.

Interest was stimulated by the  
capture of a pretty snake, the  
Buff-striped Keelback, Natrix  
taeniata.

This harmless snake is com-  
mon in the Colony, and is par-  
ticularly inoffensive in that it very  
seldom bites, and stands with  
good temper, much handling.  
The Keelback has a wide range  
from Peninsular India to South  
China. It is diurnal in habits  
and feeds mainly on amphibia.

Assembling for a final con-  
ference, members had much to  
exhibit. Among the plants  
gathered was an interesting  
semi-parasite of the Lonicera  
species in full bloom. It was  
sucking the life out of a  
struggling young orange tree.

Many unidentified but beau-  
tiful small flowering plants were  
gathered from the "bunds" divid-  
ing the small paddy fields. A  
young plant of Bryophyllum was  
collected. This interesting plant  
may be propagated by its leaves,  
from the notches of which com-  
plete young plants arise even if  
the leaf is merely hung in a  
room, provided the atmosphere is  
not too dry.

The younger members of the  
party had caught some small fish  
for their aquaria in the pleasant  
stream that flowed through the  
shady dell in which lunch was  
eaten.

The catch included four gobies,  
a minnow-like fish with a black  
spot.

## RARE OPERATION SAVES BABY

Melbourne, March 21.  
Doctors at Queen Victoria  
Hospital saved the life of a  
three-day-old baby by cutting  
an opening between its stomach  
and intestine.

It was a rare operation that  
has been performed only once  
before in Melbourne.

The baby, Darrell Young, was  
prematurely born. He weighed  
only 4 lb. 8 oz.

He could not retain food. Doc-  
tors fed him through his arm  
veins, but his weight still dropped.

An X-ray showed Darrell had  
no opening between his stomach  
and intestine. Doctors performed  
a delicate operation to make an  
opening.

For 11 days after the operation  
nurses continued to feed the baby  
through his veins. His weight  
dropped to 1 lb. 8 oz.

Then he began to feed normally,  
and quickly began to gain weight.  
—Associated Press.

## CANADA'S AMBITIOUS ATOMIC ENERGY PLAN

Ottawa, March 22.

Canada is making a bid for world leadership in the  
peaceful application of atomic energy with  
an official long-range programme which aims  
at solving the problem of using atomic energy  
in everyday life.

The first phase of the programme is planned to  
take at least 10 years, by which time some  
solid achievements are expected.

American and British scientists,  
who played a major role in  
getting Canada's atomic ex-  
periments started during the  
war, are being kept fully in-  
formed on the progress of the  
Canadian research, which in-  
volves not only uranium, but  
also hydrogen and other poten-  
tially fissionable materials.

The Canadian atomic pro-  
gramme has always been more  
closely linked to the British than  
the American, and it is expected  
that this liaison will continue  
since Britain also stresses peace-  
time rather than wartime appli-  
cations of atomic energy.

The bulk of the work once  
done by British scientists in  
Canada is now being done by  
Canadians, although in many  
cases British scientists, sent here  
for limited stays, have chosen to  
remain permanently.

High Government officials here  
believe the atomic energy may  
play an decisive part in Cana-  
dian development in the next 25

years as the more highly  
publicized oil "strikes" in Alberta  
and the huge iron deposits in  
Labrador.

### Strict secrecy

Six years of research at  
Chalk River, Ontario, have  
given Canada a running start  
in the peace-time atomic field,  
and now she is planning large-  
scale expansion of atomic re-  
search and development.

On the drawing boards are  
plans for a third atomic reactor  
to supplement the two now in  
operation at Chalk River, the  
larger of which was described by  
an American scientist last year  
as the "most advanced in the  
world."

In addition, a hand-picked  
team of young scientists has been  
formed and told to concentrate on  
pure research probing into the  
future for possible new applica-  
tions of the atomic principle.  
They are the "boys behind the  
back-room boys."

## Burmese rice exports lower

Washington, March 21.

Burmese rice exports  
totalled 2,632,000,000 pounds  
during 1949, according to the  
U.S. Department of Agricul-  
ture. This is 93,000,000  
pounds less than 1948 exports.  
The 1938-40 average yearly  
exports were 2,600,000,000  
pounds.

Japan received 122,000,000  
pounds of the 1949 shipments.  
Other shipments were Malaysia  
326,000,000 lbs., Indonesia  
298,000,000 lbs., India 837,  
000,000 lbs., Hong Kong 38,  
000,000 lbs., China 85,000,000  
lbs., and Ceylon 594,000,000  
lbs.—Associated Press.

All this is going ahead behind  
a curtain of secrecy which neither  
the scientists nor the Canadian  
Government like. Time and time  
again, top Chalk River scientists  
have said: "We have nothing to  
hide."

But the full story cannot be  
told, because the United States,  
which has formal atomic agree-  
ments with Canada, has decreed  
secrecy. Late last year, Wash-  
ington vetoed a Canadian plan  
to allow newsmen to visit Chalk  
River.—Reuter.

## WAGE INCREASES IN FRANCE?

Paris, March 21.

The strike-harassed French  
Government, in a lead to  
private employers, is tonight  
considering wage increases for  
its own workers to end three  
weeks of national unrest.

The increases, which the Prime  
Minister, M. Georges Bidault, will  
submit to the Council of Ministers  
tomorrow, are unofficially re-  
ported to consist of a five per  
cent general raise in all public  
services and nationalised indus-  
tries.

The national strike situation  
continues to improve slowly today,  
with more workers trickling back  
to work. Less than 250,000 out of a total  
of 1,200,000 are now out in the  
steel industry.

About 100,000 building trad-  
e workers are idle.

Paris social, security, and  
workers, bakers' hands, municipal  
undertakers and cemetery keepers  
and some dust-men and powerage  
men, are also out.

But bread is still plentiful, a  
emergency burial service, and  
operating and though gas pressure  
remains low electricity supplies  
are adequate.—Reuter.

## GANDHI STATUE BLOWN DOWN

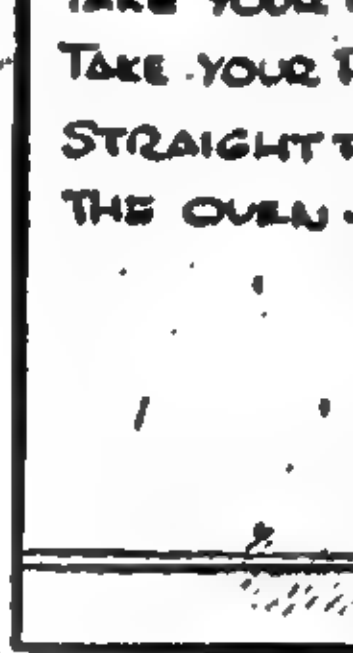
Karachi, March 21.

High winds blew down the  
statue of Mahatma Gandhi out-  
side the Parliament building  
here last night.

The Pakistan Government to-  
night announced that it proposed  
to repair and re-erect the statue  
without delay.—Reuter.

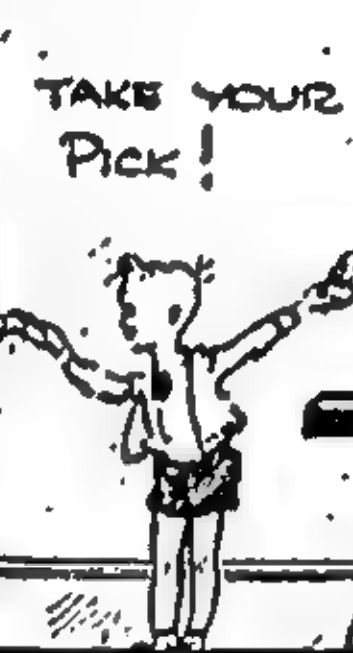
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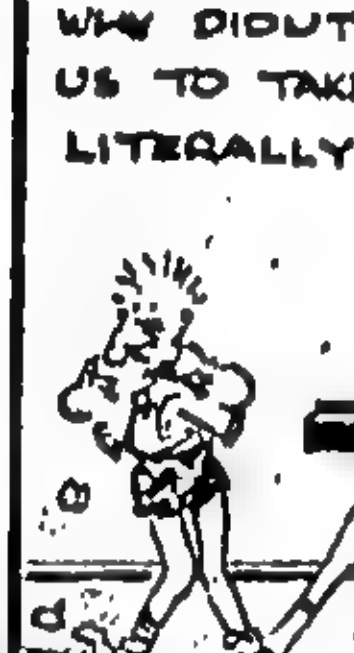
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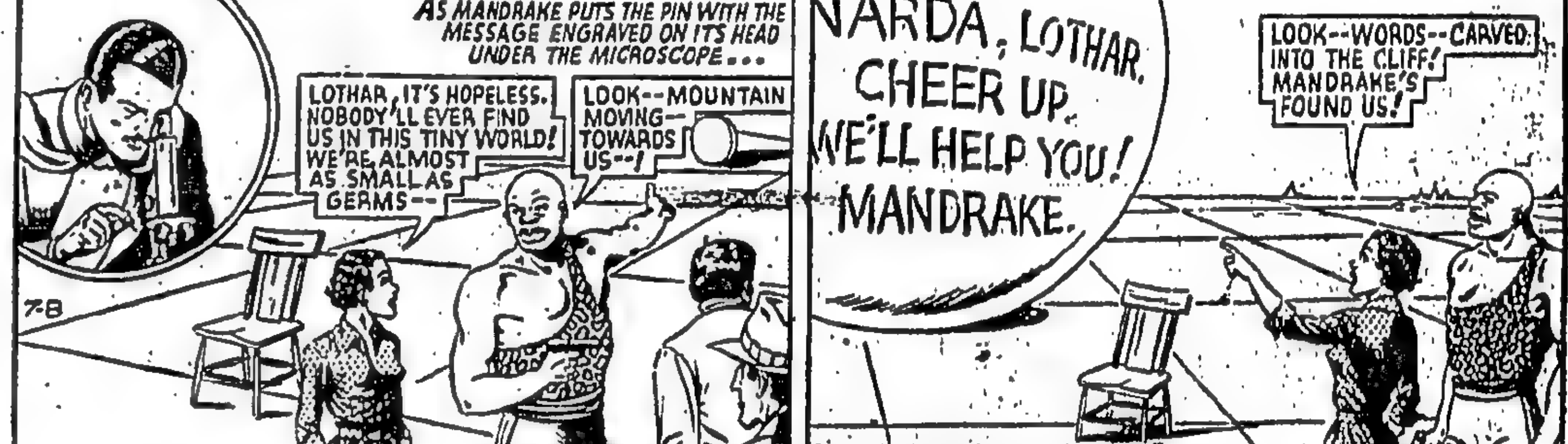
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# DEBATE ON THE BUDGET IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Continued From Page 1)

DR. S. N. CHAU

## The high cost of Government

Dr. Chau referred to the record expenditure, which he called a staggering sum. More than 40 per cent of the total was for Government salaries and allowances. He questioned the wisdom of the suggested form of increase in direct taxation. It was farcical and grossly inequitable that a small number of salaried residents be required to pay a direct tax from which the remaining 90 per cent was in practice entirely exempt.

Public indignation has undoubtedly been aroused by the revelation of this unreasonable imposition on the few, while tens of thousands of wealthier citizens—a large proportion of whom have come here from disturbed China to enjoy the security and amenities which this Colony provides—make no direct contribution towards the cost of the administration and services which ensure that security and provide those amenities.

If Government considered an orthodox income tax, with equitable taxation of the wealthy income, not possible, he would urge the total abolition of the present salaries tax.

The small loss of revenue involved could be made good by a trifling all-round increase in indirect taxation—by raising the duties on liquor and tobacco, by a further levy upon the entertainments, Dance Halls, Meals, Petrol, Bets and Sweeps Taxes.

He suggested consideration of Purchasing with exemption for necessities. Those who could afford pleasures and luxuries could also afford his suggested slight increase in taxation.

He failed to see why the Corporation Profits Tax and Property Tax should be increased. It seemed to him most unreasonable. The unexpected addition of 30 per cent in taxation at this time of political and commercial uncertainty might have far-reaching effects on the Colony's economy.

Dr. Chau also suggested a registration fee of \$5 under the Registration of Persons Ordinance. This, he estimated, might contribute \$7,500,000. This form of impost would not be so inequitable as the Salaries Tax.

The speaker praised the improvements in education and medical facilities but stressed that the Mental Hospital was a disgrace to the Colony. The organisation of the Mental Hospital needed overhauling, he said, and he suggested a commission to enquire into its functions.

Dr. Chau mentioned the deplorable condition of the prisons and again suggested that an enquiry be made.

The acute housing shortage was taxing the ingenuity of Government. The Hong Kong Model Housing Society was building 400 flats to be let at a non-profit making rental to those in the low-earning bracket. This was only a starting point and we needed a 100 times this number. Greater encouragement and inducements should be given those who wish to build their own homes.

He said that while Government had been spending millions in housing for its European employees, the Chinese Civil Servants had received scant attention. It was time Government gave them some consideration.

## Price of rice

He would like to see encouragement given to the New Territories farmers to increase their output of rice and vegetables. The Colony's most urgent problem was its rice supply. All our labour troubles were basically attributable to the grossly exorbitant cost of rice.

It was extremely urgent to cut to an absolute minimum the difference between the costs and the retail price paid by the consumer. The solution might lie in permitting the pre-war rice firms to resume the import of rice and to sell it at Government-controlled prices based on landing costs.

If the price of rice could be substantially reduced, the landlord should be compelled to reduce his rents; the farmer, the price of his vegetables; the fisherman, the price of his fish; the shopkeeper, the price of his wares.

Effective control over retail prices was the Colony's most urgent and important problem.

Dr. Chau mentioned the cost of defence. We were a very small part of the Imperial Defence scheme, he said, and our burden should not be heavier than we can carry.

The speaker concluded by supporting Sir Man-kam Lo's remarks on requisitioning which, he said, should give serious and immediate attention by Government.

## MR. LEO D'ALMADA

## Registration of firms tax proposal

Mr. Leo D'Almada, who spoke against Government's tax proposal, suggested that the \$7,500,000 deficit could easily be made up by a Business Firms Registration

Fee, which would bring in \$6,500,000 a year.

Supporting his case for such an imposition, Mr. d'Almada said it was not fair that only a very small number of business firms should be paying tax. It was a burden which should be equitably distributed.

"I've advocated such an imposition before the war and after, and as recently as last year I put it again in this Council," said Mr. d'Almada.

According to figures obtained from the Inland Revenue Department, said Mr. d'Almada, the number of business firms in the Colony is 21,000. Of these 9,000 have already been exempted from direct taxation. At the date of the last report 8,000 were to be assessed, and according to what he was told, the majority of these might be exempt from profits tax.

Mr. d'Almada said we could therefore safely assume that 12,000 business firms will not be paying tax at all.

"There is no reason why every business in this Colony should not make a small contribution by way of a direct tax, and my suggestion is that that small contribution should be in the form of a registration fee of \$300 a year which, broken up, would not amount to more than 83 cents a day," said Mr. d'Almada.

He said, "If 21,000 business firms here, and if we add to that number some 1,000 corporations, you will have 22,000 separate entities liable to be registered, and if you collect \$300 a year from each of them, then you have a straight-forward \$6,600,000 a year."

He suggested consideration of Purchasing with exemption for necessities. Those who could afford pleasures and luxuries could also afford his suggested slight increase in taxation.

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"STRAAT BOENDA"	15th Apr.	26th Mar.		
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	13th May	4th May		
"TEGELBERG"		1st June		
JAPAN				
"BERLADE"	9th Apr.	27th Mar.		
"BOISBEVAIN"		26th Mar.		
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# FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## SENATE COMMITTEE PASSES ERP PLANS

Washington, March 21

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today voted unanimous approval of the Administration's full \$3,100 million European Recovery Programme.

The House of Representatives has voted to cut \$1,000 million of cash from the fund but to provide an equivalent value in American agricultural surpluses for European recovery.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A featureless morning.

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The Senate Committee also

approved \$100 million in economic

aid for Korea and suggested

a possible \$50 million in aid

for the Chinese Nationalist Government.

The Committee's decision was

announced by the Chairman,

Senator Tom Connally.

The House Committee dispute before the

ECA figure is finally approved by

Congress because of the different

opinions held by the Senate and

House Committees.

But Senator Connally thinks

that Congress will eventually re-

ject the House Committee propo-

sals to substitute surplus farm

products for \$1,000 million cash.

The House Foreign Affairs

Committee today approved a

statement favouring collaboration

by the free peoples of Asia for

self-help and mutual co-operation

to protect their security and

independence.

The policy statement was ap-

proved as part of the Foreign Aid

Bill for the 12 months beginning

July 1. The Committee is near

the end of its work on the mea-

sure, which contemplates contin-

ued American economic aid to

friendly nations in Europe and

Asia.

For economic purposes

Its Chairman, Mr. John Kee,

said that the Committee con-

templated only economic co-

operation, not military, with

the nations of Asia.

The House of Representatives

Foreign Affairs Committee today

authorised another year's exten-

sion of the authority to use about

\$104 million of the China Aid

funds previously earmarked but

so far unspent.

With the Chinese Communists

controlling almost all of China it

is thought in Washington that

these funds would be available in

other areas of South East Asia,

such as Indo-China.

The Committee also increased

from \$150 million to \$200 million

the amount of ECA guarantees

provided for the private invest-

ment of United States capital

abroad.—Reuter.

## JAPAN TRYING TO CUT COSTS

London, March 21.

Japanese industry, already

providing strong competition to

British cotton goods, is trying

to cut costs by searching for

raw materials from cheaper

sources.

This point is made in a

report by Air Vice-Marshal C.A.

Boucher, who has just returned

from a three-month tour of Japan

on behalf of the Federation of

British Industries.

The Japanese, he reported, are

making steady and material pro-

gress, but prices are tending to

rise.

Air Vice-Marshal Boucher is

to brief the British cotton in-

dustry on conditions in Japan. It

is to be represented on an Anglo-

American Cotton Textile Mission

going to Japan shortly.

British cotton chiefs are re-

ported to be worried by the grow-

ing competition from Japan in

cotton piece-goods.—Reuter.

## CRIPPS REJECTS SUGGESTION

London, March 21.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor

of the Exchequer, today refused

a suggestion that he should limit

by law the amount of Sterling

balances, both capital and interest,

to be released in any one year.

In Parliament, he replied, "No"

when asked to do so by the Con-

servative Member, Mr. Arthur

Dodd, who suggested

that some action should be taken

to strengthen the hands of Brit-

ish negotiators by such a limita-

tion.

The Chancellor replied that it

would be quite inappropriate to

take unilateral action in a matter

which must be arranged by con-

sultation.—Reuter.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES S.S. "MACHAON"

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Wharf between 10 a.m. and

noon on March 24, 1950, and

consignees are requested to

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Hong Kong, March 23, 1950.

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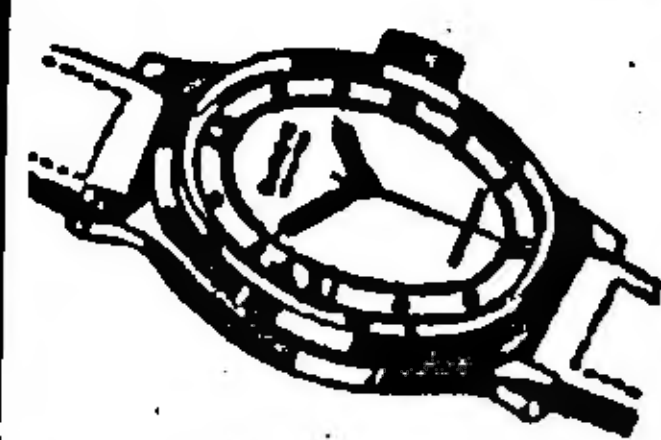
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HONG KONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1950.

Sports Pause

LEE BEATS LOW TO ENTER  
BADMINTON SINGLES FINAL

(By "ARGONAUT")

Left-hander C. K. Lee, holder of the Colony Singles title, reached the final of this year's Singles Badminton Championship when he edged out the University and former Malayan Doubles Champion, K. S. Low, in two thrilling sets, 18-13 and 15-13, at Recreo last night.

An all-Chinese YMCA final is therefore assured, Robert Tay being the other finalist.

Another feature of last night's games was the excellent display of the schoolboy tennis champion, Benzin Saw. Having created a major upset earlier in the tournament when he defeated seeded player C. M. Quinn in the Junior Men's Singles event, he created even a greater surprise last night, when he ousted University's S. T. Hooi, top favourite for the title in three sets.

The night's programme of five matches gave the packed hall their most entertaining badminton yet served so far both in quality and thrills and excitement. Four of the five games went to the full distance of three sets.

In the curtain-raiser, F. Althay and J. Pomeroy, Jr. were taken to three hard-fought sets, before qualifying for the Schoolboys' Doubles final. M. Nolasco and J. Pomeroy, Jr. each on one side were conspicuous with some good play.

**Saw's display**  
Very few, if any, last night, conceded a chance to Benzin Saw when he took the court against University's S. T. Hooi in the Junior Singles event.

When, however, the schoolboy, with amazing agility took a lead 7-1, eyes began to open with interest. With accurate drop shots, powerful smashes and good retrieving Saw carried his lead to 11-4 and 15-5 for the first set.

The second set saw the University underdog displaying his best form. With well-placed smashes and drops, aided by a series of errors from Saw, Hooi returned compliments by taking the second set 15-6. Saw's speed and almost limitless stamina proved too much for his opponent in the third set, which went to 15-4.

The Junior Men's Doubles between Austin Ho and K. F. Chiu and Bill Chow and C. H. Ngan also went to the full distance of three sets. The Chung Wah pair of Ho and Chiu could not be said to be in their best form although they won the first set 15-12. Their tendency to repeat errors was noticeable in the second set when Chow and Ngan, particularly Chow rallied back to take it by 15-12. A neck to neck struggle ensued in the third set up to 10-8 in favour of Chow and Ngan. Ho then brought up some good serves and smashes to add six points in a row. Amidst great excitement Chow and Ngan caught them up to 13-14 but could not get the extra point for deuce. With the next service the Chung Wah pair scored the vital point, which brought them to the final in this event.

The Ladies' Doubles Semi-final, although an all-Recreo affair, took their full share of the evening's spotlight. Mrs. Gonsalves

and Margaret Xavier, twice holders of the title, had to fight for every point in the first set. The score mounted evenly up to 11-11 when services changed hands eight times before their greater steadiness gave them the four needed points. In the second set, the challengers, struck brilliant form when they were down 5-6, scoring nine successive points between them. They ultimately took the set 15-7. The champions took no chance in the third set and playing their usual game took it with the concession of only five points, to enter their third final in the event.

**Full results**  
Schoolboys' Doubles: F. Althay and J. Pomeroy, Jr. (La Salle) beat M. Nolasco and G. Pomeroy (La Salle), 15-5, 10-15, 15-2.  
Junior Men's Singles: B. Saw (Shallanders and Asia College) beat S. T. Hooi (University), 15-5, 8-15, 15-4.  
Junior Men's Doubles: Austin Ho and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) beat Bill Chow and C. H. Ngan (Shallanders), 15-12, 12-15, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recro) beat Mrs. M. Ribeiro and Mrs. M. Rozario (Recro), 15-11, 7-15, 15-5.  
Senior Men's Singles: C. K. Lee (Chinese YMCA) beat K. S. Low (University), 18-13, 15-13.

**Tonight's games**

**COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SEMI FINALS**

At Kowloon Cricket Club

7.30 p.m. Schoolboys' Doubles—K. Y. Henderson (St. Paul's) and B. Saw (Asia) v E. C. Y. Hsi and S. Hsi (Wah Kiu).

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